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COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 4TH NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GHANA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE MIKLIN HOTEL, KUMASI IN THE ASHANTI REGION FROM JULY 26-28, 2007

We, members of the National Executive Council of the Ghana Medical Association (GMA), assembled at the Miklin Hotel, Kumasi in the Ashanti Region, from 26th-28th July, 2007, at the end of our 4th National Executive Council Meeting for the year and having extensively discussed pertinent issues concerning the health sector in particular and the country at large;

1. Noting the successful official launch of activities marking GMA@50 at Miklin Hotel, Kumasi under the theme GMA @50: Ghana's Health.
2. Noting that many issues pertaining to salaries and conditions of service of Doctors in particular and health workers in general still remain outstanding resulting in the current uneasy calm among Health Professionals.
3. Concerned about the sighted document proposing public health sector pay reform to the disadvantage of doctors and dentists
4. Mindful of emerging Medico-Legal, Ethical and Safety Challenges facing Medical and Dental Practice in Ghana and its effects on the health of Ghanaians.
5. Concerned about the continuing peculiar challenges of the 2-year Housemanship policy as regards professional placements, accommodation, transportation etc.

Do hereby:

- a. Resolve to use the Jubilee Anniversary in 2008 to celebrate the enviable contributions of the GMA over the years to Ghana's Healthcare Delivery System, and to strategically reposition the Association to confront the future challenges of Ghana's health.
- b. Reiterate our resolve to use all means available to us to seek redress

- c. Announce that the forthcoming 49th Annual General Conference of the GMA in Takoradi in the Western Region will be held under the theme “Medical Ethics and Safety of Medical Practice in Ghana: Emerging Challenges”
- d. Call upon the Medical and Dental Council to seriously review the issue of the 2-year Housemanship with the view to addressing its attendant problems and challenges.

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