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**STATEMENT BY SOCIALIST FORUM OF GHANA ON 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF
AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY**

58 years ago, the Charter of the Organization of African unity was signed by 32 independent African countries in Addis Ababa capital of Ethiopia. This day was historically designated as Africa liberation day by the OAU and Africans everywhere on the globe mark this day as such.

The precursor to Africa liberation Day is African Freedom Day proclaimed on 15th April 1958 in the Accra conference of 8 independent African countries. This dates mark a landmark in the political history of Independent Africa and its quest for continental unity and the final onslaught against the remaining bastions of colonialism and white minority rule in Rhodesia and South Africa.

Now celebrated as AU day by 55 African countries, the fight for liberation is ironically focused on the freedom of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic from the colonial occupation of the kingdom of Morocco. A qualitatively new stage of Africa liberation dawned with the formal end of foreign colonial rule and the beginning of the fight against a more insidious form of subjugation, neo-colonialism and the imposition of the neo-liberal market system on the economies of the emerging African countries thus halting any attempt at an alternative independent model of development. The new engagement has led to military attacks to destroy the Libyan revolution and to use economic aid to prop up a corrupt ruling elite to continue as lackeys and appendages for increased resource theft and proliferation of foreign military bases. Coup d'états and spawning of terrorist groups, economic penetration by foreign powers as a result of globalization and the imposition of neo-liberal market systems led by multi-national companies have worsened the African condition.

The African Union was established in 2002 as a successor to the OAU and to transit from the liberation struggle which had largely been successfully prosecuted by the Organization of African unity. The AU was launched to initiate a new stage of the struggle for African unity through the 'Sirte Declaration' which called for the establishment of the African Union to accelerate the process of economic, political and social integration and resolution of internal and intra African conflict. The AU is guided by its vision of ***'An integrated, Prosperous, and Peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena'***.

To realize this vision, the AU has launched an Agenda 2063, a strategic framework for Africa's long term socio-economic and integrative transformation,' the Africa we want 'and have managed to initiate the concept of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area, which is aimed at accelerating Africa's economic development through trade amongst the African countries within a common economic and trade bloc.

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In spite of these successes, the vision of the United States of Africa remains elusive as a result of the deficiency in the content of unity and cooperation being pursued by the AU. The neo-colonial states predicated on the neo-liberal market which allows and enables resource capture and theft with huge outflows of profit is sinking Africa into an economic and political hole.

The banner of Africa Liberation and Unity must be borne aloft by the mass of the African people and led by the progressives of the Pan Africanist Movement.

It is indeed unfortunate, that the Akufo-Addo Government in Ghana has downgraded African Freedom Day from a public holiday to a Commemorative Day. Like many African neo-colonial governments, it has failed to realise the significance of the struggles of the masses of the continent to continue the pursuit of the agenda of the Pan African Movement.

We call on the working people of Africa to intensify their struggles for social justice, economic freedom, and the unity of the peoples of Africa.

Long live the African Revolution

Long live the Unity of Africa.

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