

**COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (ACCRA SPORTS STADIUM DISASTER)  
INSTRUMENT, 2001**

[C.I. 34]

[(Article 278 (1)) (11th May, 2001)]

WHEREAS the President is satisfied that it is in the public interest that there should be appointed a Commission of Inquiry into the deaths and injuries that occurred at the Accra Sports Stadium on Wednesday the 9th May, 2001:

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred on the President of the Republic by clause (1) of article 278 of the Constitution, this Instrument is made this 11th day of May, 2001:

**1 Appointment of the Commission**

There is appointed by this Instrument a Commission of Inquiry composed of,

Mr. Sam Okudzeto .....	<i>Chairman</i>
Prof. G.K.A. Ofose Amaah .....	<i>Member</i>
Prof. Akua Kuenyehia .....	<i>Member</i>
Dr. Agyeman Badu Akosa .....	<i>Member</i>
Mr. Ken Bediako .....	<i>Member</i>

**2. Terms of reference of the Commission**

The terms of reference of the Commission are

- (a) to investigate the causes and circumstances leading to the deaths and injuries suffered by spectators at the Accra Sports Stadium on the occasion of the Accra Hearts of Oak/Kumasi Asante Kotoko football match on 9th May, 2001;
- (b) to inquire into the preparedness of the nation's public bodies to deal with such disasters and emergencies;
- (c) to inquire into any other matter which appears to the Commission to be incidental to, or reasonably related, which in the opinion of the Commission ought to be inquired into;
- (d) to make recommendations to prevent future occurrence of such disasters;
- (e) to make recommendations to enhance the capacity of the nation's public bodies to deal with disasters;
- (f) to make recommendations to sanction a public officer where appropriate;
- (g) to make any other recommendations as it considers appropriate; and
- (h) to submit, within one month, its report to the President giving reasons for its findings and recommendations.

**3. Mode of operation of the Commission**

The Commission shall carry out its inquiry in accordance with articles 279, 280 and 281 of the Constitution.

**4. Secretary and Counsel to the Commission**

The President shall appoint a Secretary and a Counsel to the Commission, who shall perform the functions directed by the Commission.

**5. Appearance by lawyer**

(1) A person whose conduct is the subject of inquiry by the Commission or who is implicated, concerned in, or has a legitimate interest in a matter under investigation by the Commission is entitled to be represented by a lawyer at the inquiry.

(2) Any other person who considers it desirable that he or she should be represented by a lawyer or any other expert may be allowed by the Commission to be so represented.

**6. Privileges and immunities of witness and lawyer**

A witness or lawyer appearing before the Commission is entitled to the same privileges and immunities as a witness or lawyer appearing before the High Court.

**7. Expenses in relation to the Commission**

(1) A witness summoned by the Commission is entitled to the allowances that are payable to a witness summoned by the High Court in a criminal trial.

(2) The chairman and the other members of the Commission and a person employed in relation to the functions of the Commission may be paid the travelling, sitting and any other allowances approved by the President on the recommendations of the Minister responsible for Finance.

**8. Public officers to assist the Commission**

The Attorney-General shall assign officers to attend on the Commission, to serve summons on witness and to perform any other functions relating to the Commission as directed by the Commission.

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