

IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT OF
THE FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE AND INTERIOR
ON THE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON NARCOTIC
CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The letter of Agreement was laid in the House on Friday 14th December by the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Minister for the Interior, Alhaji Malik Alhassan Yakubu. The letter of agreement was referred to the Committee on Defence and Interior by Mr. Speaker under the certificate of urgency for consideration and report in Accordance with the 1992 Constitution and Standing Orders of the House.

2.0. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Agreement was signed between the United States of America and Government of Ghana. Under the agreement, the United States Government has agreed to grant an amount of Two Hundred and Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$294,500.00) to the Government of Ghana to assist the Narcotics control Board and the Ghana Police Service to undertake various activities in the areas of Narcotics control and law enforcement.

3.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

3.1. COMMUNITY POLICY PROJECT

Under the agreement an amount of One hundred and one thousand dollars (\$101 000) is to be committed towards a Government of Ghana community policing project. Under the project, technical advisers will come to Ghana from the United States to work with the Police academy for seven weeks. This project will eventually establish community policing programmes in Accra and, later, throughout the country.

3.2. AIRPORT OPERATIONS PROJECT

Mr. Speaker, an amount of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) is earmarked towards the establishment of a Government of Ghana Airport Counter Narcotics Capacity. Under the programme, U.S Narcotics and immigration enforcement experts conducting classroom and field exercises in screening passengers and luggage at stations, surveillance techniques, and controlling access will come to Ghana. However, the yearly operating cost of \$2,500 is to be borne by Ghana government.

3.3 WOMEN AND JUVINILE POLICE UNIT (WAJU) PROJECT IN ACCRA AND KUMASI

Mr. Speaker, to enhance the efficiently and effectiveness of WAJU in Accra and Kumasi, an amount of Thirty three thousand five hundred dollars (\$33,500) is earmarked for

the provision of office equipment such as computers, servers, photocopies, scanner, printers, software, fax machines and systems training.

4.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Speaker, your Committee observed that this Honourable House has earlier on approved a similar agreement between the Government of Ghana and the Government of the United States of America for Narcotic Control. The Committee therefore recommends that similar attention be given to this agreement.

Mr. Speaker, the decision of the U.S Government to assist the Government of Ghana in the area of community policing is a welcome news as the Government has already made frantic efforts to make adequate provisions to all sectors of the economy.

Also, the Airport operations project will not only enhance the efforts of the Narcotics Control Board in its counter Narcotics efforts, but will leave behind the expertise of the US Narcotics and immigration experts for the benefit of Ghanaians.

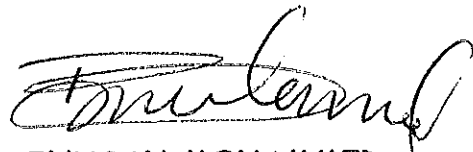
Mr. Speaker, your Committee observed that the galloping pace of urbanization has turned Accra and Kumasi into complex centres for domestic violence. The equipment to be supplied under the agreement will increase the capacity of WAJU to meet the demand of its ever-increasing cases. The committee however hopes that this assistance would be extended to all the ten regions of the country in the years to come.

In view of the observations made above the committee wishes to recommend to this August House to ratify the Two Hundred and Ninety Four Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$294,500) agreement between the Government of Ghana and the Government of the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted.



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