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**PRESS STATEMENT
BY
CENTRE FOR DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONS - GHANA (CDT-GH)
ON
ZIMBABWE ELECTION**

The Centre for Democratic Transitions -Ghana (CDT-GH) congratulates the Government and the heroic people of Zimbabwe on their first democratic elections since the replacement of former President Robert Mugabe in November 2017.

The Centre notes with concern however that what began as peaceful elections on 30th July 2017 now threatens to degenerate into violence and even possibly a nation-wrecking catastrophe as it moves from the casting of ballots to collation and the announcement of results.

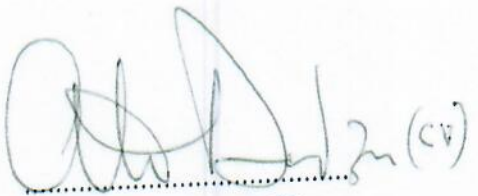
CDT-GH joins other international bodies and world leaders in appealing to the leadership of the two leading parties, the ZANU-PF and the MDC, to exercise a greater degree of tolerance and call their followers to order and allow the Zimbabwe Elections Commission to dispassionately roll out the final results of the elections.

CDT-GH regrets the post-elections disturbances that have already occurred and appeals to the Zimbabwean security forces to endeavour to create a violence-free environment to enable the Zimbabwean people to enjoy their justly-earned democratic dividends.

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In doing this, however, we appeal to the security forces to be measured in their response to any violence that may erupt, if they have to, and to remember that at the end of the day, they are all one people, the people of Zimbabwe, united in their desire to rejoin the democratic community of nations.

CDT-GH stands ready to assist in any way possible to enable Zimbabwe to successfully transcend this political transition which we agree is a test of the country's democratic resilience and the unity and solidarity of its people.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nana Ato Dadzie', with '(CV)' written to the right. The signature is written over a dotted horizontal line.

NANA ATO DADZIE
(EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR)