

**COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE CREATION OF NEW
REGIONS, 2017**

WHEREAS, Article 5 of the Constitution empowers the President to appoint a commission of inquiry to inquire into the need and substantial demand for the creation and alteration of regions;

WHEREAS, the President has received a number of petitions from Western, Brong Ahafo, Northern and Volta Regions, demanding the creation of new regions;

WHEREAS, as required, the President has, by letter, dated 26th June, 2017, referred the petitions to the Council of State for its advice;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the petitions, the Council of State is of the view that there is a need and substantial demand for the creation and alteration of regions, and has accordingly advised, by letter, dated 15th August, 2017, the President to appoint a commission of inquiry to inquire into the need and demand;

WHEREAS, the President is satisfied that there is a need and substantial demand for the creation and alteration of regions;

WHEREAS, the Commission shall make recommendations to the President on all the factors involved in the creation and alteration of regions;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred on the President under Article 5 of the Constitution, this Instrument is made this 12th day of October, 2017.

*Commission of Inquiry into the Creation of New Regions, 2017***Establishment of Commission of Inquiry**

1. There is hereby established by this Instrument a Commission of Inquiry, which shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Commission".

Membership of the Commission of Inquiry

2. The members of the Commission are:

(a)	JUSTICE S. A. BROBBEY	Retired Supreme Court Judge	Chairman
(b)	DR. GRACE BEDIAKO	Former Government Statistician	Member
(c)	MAULVI MOHAMMED BIN-SALIH	AMEER, Missionary in-charge, Ahamadiya Muslim Mission in Ghana	Member
(d)	PROF. KWASI KWAFO ADARKWA	Former Vice Chancellor, KNUST	Member
(e)	MS. GLADYS TETTEH	Local Government Expert	Member
(f)	MR. ROBERT AJENE	Retired Director of Education	Member
(g)	DR. DAVID WELLINGTON ESSAW	Senior Research Fellow, University of Cape Coast	Member
(h)	PROF. GEORGE OWUSU	Institute of Statistical, Social & Economic Research, (ISSER)/Director, Centre for Urban Management Studies, University of Ghana	Member
(i)	MS. JOSEPHINE HUGHES	Legal Practitioner	Member

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Secretary to the Commission of Inquiry

3. The President shall appoint a Secretary to the Commission, who shall perform such functions as may be assigned by the Commission.

Terms of Reference of the Commission of Inquiry

4. The terms of reference of the Commission are:

- (a) to inquire, pursuant to the petitions, into the need and substantial demand for the creation of new regions and, thereby, the alteration of Western Region, Brong Ahafo Region, Northern Region and Volta Region;
- (b) to make recommendations to the President, based on its findings, on the creation and alteration of regions; and
- (c) to specify the issues to be determined by referendum and the places where the referendum should be held, where it makes recommendations for the creation and alteration of regions.

Mode of operation of the Commission of Inquiry

5. (1) The Commission shall carry out its inquiry in accordance with

- (a) Article 5 of the Constitution; and
- (b) this Instrument.

(2) The decisions of the Commission, including its report, with its findings and recommendations, shall, as far as possible, be taken by consensus or, in the absence of a consensus, by a majority of the members of the Commission.

Panels of the Commission of Inquiry

6. In order to expedite its work, the Commission is hereby authorized, if it deems it necessary, to sit in panels of at least four (4) Commissioners, provided, however, that the entire Commission will adopt the work of these panels.

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Technical support team

7. The Minister responsible for Regional Reorganisation and Development may engage a Technical Team to provide technical support to the Commission.

Public officers to assist the Commission of Inquiry

8. (1) The President may, on the recommendation of the Commission, assign such officers from the Public Service to the Commission as may be required for the effective functions of the Commission.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the President may, on the recommendation of the Commission, assign to the Commission such security personnel as may be necessary for the effective functioning of the Commission.

Submission of report

9. The Commission shall submit its report, with its findings and recommendations, to the President, not later than six (6) months after inauguration.



NANA ADDO DANKWA AKUFO-ADD
President of the Republic

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