

Announcement of the Office of the Ombudsman Re: The Policy of Not Accepting All Kind of Presents and Gifts from Performing Duties (No Gift Policy)

The Office of the Ombudsman has been authorized with the core mission of rendering fairness to the people affected by grievance or unfairness arising from performance or non-performance of duties of State agencies or State officials, ensuring the correct and complete compliance of the State agencies with Chapter V Duties of the State the Constitution, examining the question of constitutionality or legality, as well as inspecting actions that violate the rights or liberties protected under the Constitution.

In order to encourage an organization culture and core value of integrity and honesty in ethically performing duties without conflicts of interest, and preventing corruption, the Office of the Ombudsman has introduced the Policy of Not Accepting All Kind of Presents and Gifts from Performing Duties (No Gift Policy), where all officials of the Office of the Ombudsman do not accept all kinds of presents and gifts before, during, or after performing their duties that will lead to corruption or misfeasance at present time and in the future as follows;

- 1. The Secretary-General, competent officials, and employees of the Office of the Ombudsman shall not accept and offer all kinds of presents and gifts from performing their duties;
- 2. The Secretary-General, competent officials, and employees of the Office of the Ombudsman shall not seek or perform any undertaking in order to acquire all kind of presents and gifts, or any other benefits;
- Expressions of congratulations, well wishes, welcome, or condolences in traditional occasions should be done by signing in greeting cards, quest books, sympathy cards, or using the social media instead of giving things;

4. The Secretary-General, competent officials, and employees of the Office of the Ombudsman have duty to communicate this No Gift Policy to the public.

This is therefore announced for acknowledgment and strict compliance by all the parties concerned.

Announced on 26 December 2023

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