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Honorable

Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo President of the Republic of Ghana

Dr. Ibrahim Mohammed Awal, Minister of Tourism, Arts & Culture

Members of the Diplomatic Corps

Chiefs, Patrons of the Heritage Museum

Corporate Africa

Community Members, Tourists

Individuals.

My name is William Dau and I am the Mayor of Cartagena de Indias in Colombia, a city which, together with Salvador de Bahia, was the largest port for importing slaves from Africa. As a result, our culture is deeply marked by African culture in terms of customs, music, dance and oral traditions. Nearly 70% of citizens of Cartagena are of African origin.

It is for this reason that I would like to express our deep admiration for the initiative which Ghana, led by its President, Nana Akufo-Addo, took to inaugurate the Pan African World Heritage Museum in Accra. It will celebrate the greatness of African culture prior to arrival of European colonial powers and link the continent of Africa with its growing diaspora worldwide, including Latin America.

We are ready to work closely with African institutions, and Accra, Ghanaian capital in particular, to foster close relations between our two cities, countries and continents.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM DAU CHAMATT. -

Mayor

Cartagena de Indias, D.T. y C.

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