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**STATEMENT OF CONDEMNATION OF THE PLAN TO HAVE EMMANUEL  
MACRON DELIVER A KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON REPARATION IN GHANA**

The Ho Collective of the Socialist Movement of Ghana strongly condemns the invitation to the President of France, Emmanuel Macron, to deliver a keynote address at the High-Level Consultative Conference on Reparatory Justice from June 17-19, hosted by the government of Ghana. His presence and address at the summit are deeply problematic, undignified, and an affront to the very cause it claims to advance.

France, the largest colonizer of Africa which dehumanized Haiti, the first black independent nation represents a state with a centuries-long history of involvement in the Transatlantic slave trade but has never apologized for its complicity. In March 2026, France abstained from the United Nations resolution on reparatory justice, the same nation that has destabilized the Sahel, exploited its resources and continues to pursue neo-colonial relations with Africa. Macron's keynote address is not solidarity. It is a calculated bid to rehabilitate France's image and secure unimpeded access to the continent's vast wealth.

That abstention cannot be dismissed. It is a statement of ambivalence and a continued resistance to accountability, and it exposes the contradiction at the heart of Macron's invitation. A state that will not stand for reparatory justice at the United Nations has no credibility as its mouthpiece.

Giving France a platform at this conference is an affront to the millions who endured enslavement, to the generations still living with its consequences, and to those who have spent their lives demanding justice yet to be delivered. This cause does not need the participation of those with no genuine commitment to it. It needs protection from them.

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**How do we give Macron the voice to speak, when a couple of months ago, France could not vote a yes, how can we overlook this contradiction?**

**How does the accused, who has shown no remorse, offered no apology, or shown any accountability, become the central voice in this conference? France is complicit and must not be seen as a neutral actor.**

**As a matter of fact, the sudden interest by Emmanuel Macron does not align with his own rhetoric about the African continent. His remarks about the realities in Africa depict the ignorance and neocolonial vision that positions France as an imperial power.**

**How different a statement are we expecting him to make in this conference?**

**The removal of the French military troops in the Sahel was a symbolic act of anti-imperialism, an invitation to Emmanuel Macron to speak on Reparatory Justice on African soil implies that either we are tone deaf to this important statement by the governments in the Sahel, or simply ignoring its importance.**

**As we continuously work to demand Reparations, the Francophone West Africa continues to suffer from colonialism, that is, economic colonialism. France continues to strangle the necks of lanky, undeveloped countries by hindering their sovereignty and economic transformation in the quest to improve and maintain its own French economic and political interests. If Emmanuel Macron, as President of France, wants to contribute to Reparatory Justice in Africa, the right thing for him is to start with our brothers and sisters in Francophone West Africa who have suffered for many years under the crisis of the CFA, the neocolonial currency that still renders them as slaves.**

**Giving Macron, any presence or chance to speak at this programme symbolically turns this project into a European-managed one. This emboldens other colonial powers to insert themselves, dilute, and change the cause that we have struggled for. It also becomes a PR vehicle for France to wash off the blood of slavery, political assassination,**



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looting, and decades of political interference in Africa.

We call for the immediate rescinding of the keynote invitation.

The Ho Collective of the Socialist Movement of Ghana reaffirms its commitment to Reparatory Justice and calls on all African governments, civil society organizations and working masses of men and women to echo this condemnation!

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