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## **National Communications Authority**

*- Press Release*

### **RE: NCA TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS TO BAN WHATSAPP, SKYPE, VIBER CALLS**

#### **For Immediate Release**

**Accra, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016** – The attention of the National Communications Authority (NCA) has been drawn to a publications claiming that the NCA is considering proposals to ban on the services mentioned in the above subject matter.

Regrettably, the contents of the press release, which were meant to inform and encourage discussions on the issue have been taken out of context.

The National Communications Authority clarifies that the situation is an emerging trend and needs to be considered carefully by all stakeholders. It is the wish of the Authority that media houses seek clarifications from the Authority and together with the NCA, develop the industry for the benefit of our valued consumers.

To this end, the NCA, under the auspices of the Ministry of Communications, is organizing a Digital Family Forum as part of this year's World Telecom and Information Society Day. The forum, which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, at the Accra International Conference Centre, will focus on two (2) key issues; National Roaming and the OTT Services.

The media and all interested parties are invited to this forum where views and perspectives will be sought from all stakeholders on these very important issues.

To conclude, the NCA urges continued discussions and encourage feedback and comments on this.

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### **Editor's Note**

#### **About NCA**

The National Communications Authority, (NCA), was established by an Act of Parliament, Act 524 in December 1996, which has been repealed and replaced by the National Communications Authority Act, 2008 (Act 769). The Authority is the statutory body mandated to license and to regulate electronic communication activities and services in the country.