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To All UTAG Members.

UTAG Industrial Action Against Mining in Forest Reserves, Farms, and Water Bodies

The National Executive Council (NEC) of the University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG) has successfully concluded a referendum regarding industrial action to support a nationwide ban on mining and prospecting for gold and other minerals in forest reserves, farmlands, and rivers. The referendum, which involved participation from all 15 Member Branches of UTAG, had a total of 2,762 members casting their votes. The results are as follows:

- **YES:** 2,153 votes (77.95%)
- **NO:** 607 votes (21.98%)
- **Abstain:** 2 votes (0.07%)

With an overwhelming majority of 77.95% voting in favour, the National Independent Elections Committee (NIEC) declares the motion **CARRIED**. This decisive outcome reflects the unwavering commitment of UTAG members to protect our environment and livelihoods from the destructive impact of mining activities in ecologically sensitive areas such as forest reserves, farms, and water bodies.

Following the referendum, the NEC convened an emergency meeting, invoking **Article XIX, Clause 5** of the UTAG Constitution. In line with this constitutional mandate, NEC has **unanimously declared an immediate INDEFINITE STRIKE from the 10th of October 2024 across all 15 UTAG branches**. All members are directed to comply with this decision until the government formally announces a **nationwide ban** on mining and prospecting activities in protected areas, including forest reserves, farmlands, and water bodies.

Thank you for your steadfast support in this critical national cause.

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