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GNCC wants Polish Embassy established

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THE Ghana National Chamber of Commerce (GNCC) has called for the establishment of a Polish Embassy in the country to help consolidate the diplomatic and trade relations between Ghana and Poland.

The Chamber explained that the absence of a Polish Embassy in Ghana was an impediment to boosting trade relations between the two countries.

The Polish government presently operates a single embassy in Abuja, Nigeria, which serves over 10 countries in West Africa.

"While we appreciate the presence of Polish consulate in Ghana that assists in business travels to Poland, GNCC is calling for the setting up of a Polish Embassy," the President of the chamber, Dr Appiagyeyi Dankawoso I, said at the Ghana-Poland business forum on June 27 in Accra.

The forum organised by the chamber is an initiative that seeks to strengthen the mutual cooperation between Ghana and Poland, and it was attended by a business delegation from Poland and their counterparts in Ghana.

The event also witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between GNCC and the Polish Chamber of Commerce to promote relationship between the two organisations.

Dr Dankawoso I observed that the agreement between the two groups was to help develop trade and economic relations between Ghana and Polish enterprises.

According to him, the forum was in line with the two groups' mutual objective of promoting trade and investment opportunities between the two countries.

"Ghana is a country that is open to trade and investment, and seeks cooperation and partnership towards achieving its growth agenda," he added.

He stated that the chamber, over the last decade, had embarked on a number of trade and investment missions towards building partnerships critical for



- Mr Andrzej Dycha (left) in a handshake with Dr Appiagyeyi Dankawoso I (right) after the event.

private sector growth.

Government's readiness

Supporting calls for the setting up of an Embassy, the Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr Carlos Ahenkora, said the government was looking forward to engaging its counterparts in Poland towards that end.

He explained that the government was ready to provide technical assistance and any other support needed for the growth and development of domestic and international trade.

"As a government, realising our shared vision for the private sector requires collaborating with key stakeholders like the GNCC and the Polish Chamber of Commerce," he said.

Through such a collaboration, he explained, "we believe significant investments could be made in key areas such as agricultural products and equipment for

the energy sector."

Polish Embassy at an opportune time

The Ambassador of the Republic of Poland, Abuja, Mr Andrzej Dycha, in an interview with *Graphic Business* said the Polish government would set up an Embassy in Ghana at an opportune time.

"The Polish government setting up an office in a country is a subject that will depend on discussions between the Ghanaian government and its Polish counterpart, but we believe that this will be a gradual process," he said.

He said though the Polish government had a single Embassy in Nigeria, it would soon open two embassies in Senegal and Tanzania before the close of the year.

"These new embassies are part of efforts by the Polish government to improve its presence on the African continent," he added.