IN THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

TWENTY-SEVENTH REPORT ON DEPUTY MINISTERIAL NOMINATIONS

The Appointments Committee of Parliament appointed under Article 103 of the Constitution to consider nominations for Deputy-Ministerial appointments made under Article 79 of the Constitution for prior approval of Parliament reports as follows:

(1) The Committee considered the nomination of Mr. Kwasi Oppong-Fosu, Deputy Minister for Local Government and Rural Development designate who appeared and testified before it on oath.

(2) <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

In respect of the said nomination, the Committee unanimously decided to recommend to the House the approval of his nomination by consensus.

The Committee reports that its decision was taken after critical assessment and examination of the nominee based on procedures it normally adopts for public hearing of Presidential nominees for Parliamentary approval.

The Committee following its practice of reliance on the curriculum vitae of the nominees as evidence of qualifications and service record, notes with satisfaction the excellent academic qualification attained by Mr. Kwasi Oppong-Fosu. The Committee was also impressed by the nominees vast experience in the area of Local Government Administration.

Mr.Speaker, the Committee did not receive any adverse reports, petitions or objections in respect of the nominee after several announcements in

the media inviting submission of information from the general public to facilitate the work of the Committee.

Furthermore, at the public hearing held on Thursday, 20th July 2000, the Committee did not receive any formal objection to Mr. Kwasi Oppong-Fosu's nomination from any Member of the Committee nor a member of the public.

An Honourable Member of the Committee however, challenged the authenticity of information provided in the nominee's curriculum vitae in respect of an award of a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry with Zoology from the University of Ghana, in 1982, and demanded a copy of the said certificate from the nominee. The issue was, however, resolved fully to the satisfaction of the Honourable Member on production of the said certificate by Mr. Kwasi Oppong-Fosu.

The Committee was particularly impressed by several academic courses undertaken by the nominee which were of relevance to Local Government Administration.

Mr. Kwasi Oppong-Fosu's work experience include service in the position of District Chief Executive for almost eighteen (18) years.

The Committee hopes that the nominee would bring his vast experience to bear on the Management and Policy direction of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development in order to propel the decentralisation programme forward.

Respectfully submitted.

HON KENNETH DZIRASAH First Deputy Speaker &

CHAIRMAN, APPOINTMENTS

COMMITTEE

Cyril Nsiah

Clerk to the Committee.

21st July, 2000