Sister Cities Agreement

Between Columbia, Maryland (USA) and Tema (Ghana)

Whereas, the sister city movement was initiated by President Eisenhower of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

Whereas, in order to foster those goals, the people of Columbia, Maryland, USA and Tema, Ghana in the spirit of friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities; and

Whereas, we agree to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial exchanges by the citizens of both cities, including visits by adults and youth, as well as exchanges of information and material; and

Whereas, these exchanges for adults and youth may include the fields of culture, history, visual and performing arts, music, education, sports, health, media, technology, environment, municipal administration and business; and

Whereas, the two sister cities of Columbia, Maryland, USA and Tema, Ghana, agree to establish affiliations between organizations in our two cities, with the support of citizens, which can explore cultural, educational and economic opportunities;

Now therefore, Columbia, Maryland, USA and Tema, Ghana do hereby proclaim themselves Sister Cities.

This document goes into effect on the date that representatives from both cities have signed this Sister City Agreement.

President, Columbia Association
Mr. Milton W. Matthews

Signature
Date

Tema Metropolitan Chief Executive
Hon. Isaac Asiamah Odamten

Signature
Date

2014