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Dear Sir/ Madam,

MOTIVATION LETTER FOR MS. MIRIAM NKANSAH

Miriam Nkansah is my name and I wish to apply for the MSc Public Policy and Management programme at the Corvinus University of Budapest. I acquired my first degree as a first class student at the University of Ghana, in Social work and Sociology. Pursing my undergraduate program exposed me to a plethora of social problems and how important it is to find lasting solutions. This motivated me to work with my undergraduate department as a teaching assistant in a "Development and Social Issues" class after I completed my studies.

Decisions on public policy that are made in low-income countries like my country have critical effects on social and development outcomes, hence an imbalance in our policy formulation, implementation and management makes it difficult to solve our social problems. Observing and experiencing this unfavorable trend in my home country stirred my interest to pursue Master's in Public Policy. I believe an in-depth knowledge on the policy cycle that affects the lives of citizens will enable me contribute to making these policies more responsive to their welfare needs.

A proof of my passion in the wellbeing of people is displayed in a research I undertook in my final year at the university titled; "Broken Homes and Juvenile Delinquency in Ghana". I noted from my research that as long as children suffer from these predisposing familial factors, delinquency would persist. It is therefore my plan to conduct an extensive study on this subject, focusing largely on the policies available on this particular social problem, the defects of these policies and how to develop and sustain a relevant action plan, thus another motivation to pursue this programme.

I also worked with the Department of Social Welfare, where I was exposed to social cases that stirred my interest to acquire skills involved in addressing social problems through research-based public policy studies. The courses I studied in tertiary also provided me with effective management, data collection, organizing, and analytic skills through theory and practice. I also possess good research and interpersonal communication skills. All these qualities I believe would be helpful in my pursuit of this programme. If I am selected, I am going to strive to acquire knowledge that is going to build up and equip me as a professional who is going to make a social, economic and welfare impact in her home country.

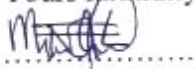
I believe Hungary is the ideal place to pursue my dreams, as the educational curriculum consists of courses that would provide me with practical skills to critically analyze policy interventions and develop approaches to social problems in my home country. I am equally enthused about the safe and friendly environment that the Hungarian community provides to international students. I also believe the Corvinus University of Budapest is a welcoming

community, therefore provides a more concentrated level of attention to the needs of its scholars, making academic and social life much easier and fruitful.

Pursuing education hasn't been an easy journey for me as I only had to rely on my mother who is a single parent and in her old age. My siblings and I sometimes had to rely on external help to pursue our education up until this level. I therefore believe being selected for the scholarship is a great opportunity for me to pursue my dreams with no financial constraint. In as much as language barrier would be a first-hand challenge for me whilst studying in Hungary, I am very determined to learn personally or take a course on the Hungarian language to enable me communicate and engage in all necessary activities.

It is my dream to be a policy specialist and after successful completion of my study, I would return to Ghana as a policy expert to work with state agencies to make and sustain good policies aimed at securing the wellbeing of the citizens. I would be grateful if I am selected for this Scholarship Programme. I will be looking forward to your consideration.

Yours faithfully,



Miriam Nkansah.