Thank you, Mr Speaker. I would also contribute to the Statement ably presented by the Member of Parliament for Ningo-Prampram on the gory incident that happened in his constituency resulting in the loss of lives and property.

Mr Speaker, in Ghana we have a big challenge with land tenure, and until we are able to resolve it, and as we have more urbanised areas taking shape in Ghana, the conflict situations would continue to erupt into dangerous situations.

Mr Speaker, in the particular case of Ningo-Prampram, we read in December 2016 about the deaths and the destruction of property that occurred, and it does not seem to be abating, the simple reason being that some people are benefitting from the conflict situation.

Mr Speaker, it also shows that our security forces would have to sit up. The danger about it all is that, people are motivated for reprisals because they have not been fairly treated. Justice does not smile at them when they see that they are offended.

Mr Speaker, on the occasion when the Member of Parliament has made this Statement and urged you to put in a word, especially getting the police to properly investigate all the issues that are emerging there, I believe very strongly that it is not a call in the wrong direction at all. We would have to get Parliament to do something about it, and I would urge that if there is any way Parliament could have a hand in making people aware of the situation in Ningo-Prampam, we have to do it.

Mr Speaker, like the Hon Member who made the Statement said, as the NingoPrampram area becomes more cosmopolitan, as people begin to have interest in land there, developments begin to move there — we understand a new airport and Olympic stadium are moving there, people are thinking about going to build hotels there.

Development is taking shape in grand style there. More people are getting interested there. They are showing interest in getting associated with the cosmopolitan nature of the place, and so it is important that the land tenure system there is streamlined in a perfect manner, if not to perfection, to a point where people would not dispute it.

Mr Speaker, again, it is unacceptable and it should not be allowed for private citizens to be commissioned to hold weapons to guard land and have license to kill people when they should not do it. Mr Speaker, the Police would have a tall order. The Police have to sit up and arrest people. We need to send them to court, allow due process to take place, have punishment meted out in accordance with the law and have people know that if they continue to do what they are doing, they too could be affected.
Mr Speaker, the situation in Ningo-Prampram is therefore something to be worried about. This is because, the maker of the Statement has made reference to a situation in Bimbila, which had been there for a long time and had become an ulcer and an endemic in the lives of the people.

Mr Speaker, if we allow this budding problem to continue to exist the way it is existing, nobody knows where it would end. I therefore support the maker of the Statement and I call on the security forces, especially the interventions made by the Hon former Deputy Interior Minister about the need for the police to take actions on that.

Mr Speaker, I believe that we would have to call on the police in a very strong, direct and forthright manner, and ask them to go into this matter and find some solutions to it, and it would solve the problem. If the police are up to the task and ensure that there is preventive crises, then they would put in place those mechanisms that would prevent conflicts from taking place.

Mr Speaker, wherever there is no conflict management and these things exist, we are likely to have an escalation beyond the point —

Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, we are likely to have a greater impact on the greater society. This is because, we have many other people, different and varied numbers of people, all moving to this area of Ghana — Greater Accra. So, there is the need for us to take stringent measures to ensure that we do not have a situation where we lack security and people could go and kill others and property could be destroyed.

Mr Speaker, with these few words, I thank you for the opportunity and also thank the maker of the Statement for bringing it up strongly. We should work on Ningo-Prampram, but not just that area, but we should stretch our hands and work elsewhere to make sure that the situation is nipped in the bud.

Thank you very much.