Thank you, Mr Speaker. I also associate myself with the two Statements and join my Hon Colleagues to congratulate the students of the All Nations University at Koforidua and their partners. Mr Speaker, I would want to join them in trying to see what kind of economic advantage that we can take from this story as a nation. It is true that the contribution that came on the floor indicated that this is a private investment done by private people without government’s support and involvement.

Mr Speaker, but I believe that government should take interest in this development. The agencies of Government which depend on the work of satellites, if we say that it is done by a private person and for that matter, government cannot involve itself, then it means that this private man would be discouraged if government agencies do not patronise the products. So, Government must take a keen interest in what happens after this development, how the agencies should partner or patronise the services of this new development. Mr Speaker, that also brings to the fore, the issue of what kind of belief we have as a nation, that this is something that was done here in Ghana.

How do we know that the quality of this is something that can serve our purpose? How do we ensure that we patronise it? I ask that because, most of the time, we believe or we have more trust in the imported products than locally made products. So, if we have the notion that this is something that was developed here in Ghana, so, it would not be of quality, therefore, we cannot patronise it, this would not send us anywhere. If we want to say that we should depend on the imported products all the time, then we would definitely not move forward. So, I believe the effort should be made to encourage Ghanaians to patronise our locally produced goods. That also would be argued that if the quality of the locally made products are not good, should we enjoy it?

Again, government must come in to support this private sector to ensure that goods that we produce here in Ghana are of quality. We support them in expanding their factories and industries to ensure that they come out with quality products that can match products that are produced elsewhere. So, Ghanaians would then have confidence in those products and for that matter, would not choose between local and imported products. Once we begin to do that we would shift from import-led country to self-reliance, local consumption and even to the extent of exporting what we produce here in Ghana. That should be the economic lesson that we should learn from this achievement by the students and the lecturers of the All Nations University in Koforidua Ghana. Mr Speaker, in fact, when I listened to the story on BBC, I was so happy that we have achieved this kind of feat in technology. But my issue is that we should take an economic advantage of that.
So, Government must also make an effort to see what kind of assistance could be given to this university to ensure that we benefit fully from this achievement. Mr Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity.