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Ghanaian President Calls for Reparations at UN General Assembly



At the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Ghanaian President Nana Akufo-Addo delivered a <u>powerful message</u> calling for reparations to rectify the historical injustices stemming from the transatlantic slave trade.

Akufo-Addo emphasized the developed world's historical role in enslaving Africans and called for reparations to acknowledge the unpaid labor of millions. He highlighted that much of Europe and the United States prospered from the wealth generated by the "transatlantic slave trade." He emphasized that it is high time for African nations to receive compensation for the suffering inflicted during this dark period of history.

"It is time to acknowledge openly that much of Europe and the United States have been built from the vast wealth harvested from the sweat, tears, blood and horrors of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and the centuries of colonial exploitation," Akufo-Addo said.

President Akufo-Addo has been a longstanding advocate for reparations, consistently pushing for discussions on the issue. He has also called for formal apologies from European nations involved in the slave trade and urged the African Union to engage with the diaspora to advance the cause of reparations.

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