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STATEMENT BY THE ALL AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES (AACC) ON THE ATTACK ON THE CATHEDRAL OF MAKOL CHUEI IN THE DIOCESE OF ATHOOCH OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SOUTH SUDAN, JONGLEI STATE.

To the Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan,

The All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) has received the information about the attack on the Cathedral of Makol Chuei, Headquarters of the diocese of Athooch of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, and the killing of 32 people, including the Dean of the Cathedral, with profound shock. We join you in mourning as we remember all those who succumbed, as well as praying for the quick recovery of the 20 people who were wounded.

It is particularly distressing that the attackers killed all the children they abducted in the bush. These are innocent souls who do not even have any idea as to what the conflict is all about, and to kill them is very cruel. We pray for their families, their friends, and the extended community that grieves this loss. Kindly receive our heartfelt condolences.

As we respond with prayer, the All Africa Conference of Churches:

- ✓ Calls yet again on all parties to the conflict in South Sudan to condemn all kinds of violence, and to refrain from using it to destroy their fellow citizens
- ✓ Calls on the government of South Sudan to do all in its power to protect the lives of its citizens and the international community.
- ✓ Calls on the regional and international bodies, the East African Community (EAC), The Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD), the African Union (AU) and the United Nations Security Council to take this attack as an assault on world peace, and demand for the full implementation of the long delayed peace agreement in South Sudan, to bring to a stop the intercommunal violence. The people of south Sudan deserve to live in peace to develop their lives and their country.
- ✓ Stands in solidarity with the victims and their families, and calls on humanitarian and ecumenical networks to respond to their emergency needs

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As the All Africa Conference of Churches, we reiterate our commitment to accompany the churches in South Sudan and elsewhere in the continent, to defend the cause of peace and human dignity, and remain at your side in these difficult times.

“God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear when earthquakes come, and the mountains crumble into the sea.” Psalm 46:1

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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