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H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adegboyega ADEOYE
Commissioner, AU Peace and Security Council
African Union Commission
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Your Excellency,

Re: Congratulatory message on your election to the position of Commissioner, African Union Peace and Security Council (AU PSC), and Political Affairs

On behalf of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), I wish to present our compliments to your highly esteemed office, and indeed congratulate you on your election to the position of Commissioner, African Peace and Security Council (AU PSC), and Political Affairs, during the 34th Ordinary Session of Assembly of the Heads of States and Governments of 6 & 7 February, 2021. The confidence given to you by African Heads of States and Governments draws not only from your wide ranging experience, but also your leadership in the past years in the AU Peace and Security Council, where you have been representing Nigeria, during your tenure as Nigerian Ambassador Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union.

We at the All Africa Conference of Churches uphold you in our prayers, and continue to pray for peace, and a culture of non-violence on the continent.

Your Excellency, as you embark on your tenure of office, the AACC is concerned about the missed target of "Silencing the Guns by 2020" in Agenda 2063. Instead in 2020, new conflicts emerged, *inter alia* in the Sahel region and Ethiopia, the host country of the African Union Commission. AACC strongly believes that *maintaining and preserving peace* on the African continent remains of then highest priority, and will give its support to initiatives related to this based on our long history of working for peace and justice on the continent.

The AACC encourages you to take bold steps to facilitate and revamp the African Union Peace and Security Architecture, to catalyze its capacities to respond rapidly to multiple security challenges faced by Africa, and support its role in prevention, management and resolution of conflicts in the continent. Often times for us in the communities, response has been slow and often rudimentary. Where conflicts could have been

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prevented from escalation much faster, these have been left to develop into full blown violence before meaningful and felt response has come from the African Union.

Peace and stability is a pre-requisite for the Pan African Agenda 2063, and building the Africa We Want. Armed conflicts in Africa have been a major impediment to achieving sustainable socio – economic development on the continent.

Your Excellency, faith communities have been central to peace efforts in Africa, including advocating for promotion of non – violent means to settle disputes. In this regard, faith communities' strengths compliment the efforts of States in achieving a peaceful and secure Africa, and we look forward to a fruitful cooperation with your respective office, especially through the existing Memorandum of Understanding between the AUC and the AACC.

Your Excellency, it is my trust that this letter will receive the highest consideration given by your office.

Yours Sincerely,

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