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H.E. Mr. Mahamat Moussa FAKI
The Chairperson
African Union Commission
P. O. Box 3243,
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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Your Excellency,

Re: Congratulatory message on your re-election to the position of the African Union Commission (AUC) Chairperson

On behalf of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), I wish to present our compliments to your office, and indeed congratulate you on your re-election for a second term to the position of Chairperson of the African Union Commission, at the recently held AU Heads of States and Governments Summit of 6 & 7 February, 2021. The AACC expresses its commitment to continue working closely and directly with your office, the AUC commissions, directorates and regional economic communities through the Memorandum of Understanding the AACC has with the AUC. We pray for the AUC and the tasks ahead of it in working towards “an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa...” As you get to begin your second term, the All Africa Conference of Churches wishes to bring the following three issues to the Commission’s attention, and agenda which we are committed to accompanying the AUC on:

Peace and Security: The continent continues to be marred by armed conflicts and violence, the effects of which suffocate the continent’s efforts to sustainably develop to its full potential. In this, the AACC wishes to call for you to invest in peace and security intentionally, and to raise ambition in the African Peace and Security Architecture, including working to ensure this structure is fully resourced and functionally fully, especially its early warning systems to avoid escalation of conflicts. Once a conflict has erupted, it is more challenging to resolve and bring a quick return to normalcy. In addressing this, we continue to call to your attention the unmet target of “Silencing the Guns by 2020,” and for the Commission to accelerate and deepen its efforts in this regard.

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Public Debt and Economic Justice: Unsustainable debt mortgages future generations, and stifles their possibilities to a good life. We call for attention to eradicating debt bondage through sound economic and fiscal management, coupled with sustainable stewardship of Africa's resources. The AUC's accompaniment to African states in transforming their economies to create economic opportunities and decent jobs for all must be deepened. Just economies, fighting poverty and inequalities, reduces smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons, and building resilience to shocks are fundamental to Africa's development.

Population and Development: Sustainable population in which all African citizens enjoy life in all its fullness, and where African states are able to provide for their citizens sufficiently without having to beg for donations, gives Africa the sovereignty it so richly deserves, and hence dignity to the continent and its citizens. With Africa's population projected to be about 2.8 billion by 2060, the AUC must accelerate the work on its population growth strategies to match the needs and abilities for a quality and good life for all its citizens.

COVID – 19: The AACC appreciates the Commission's response to COVID – 19, especially the work of the Africa Centre for Disease Control, and the response by member states. Several gaps and deficiencies continue to haunt Member States, and we call on the AUC to increase its accompaniment and technical support to the Member States to ensure that all African citizens are safe and remain protected.

Your Excellency, the AACC remains a committed partner to Pan Africanism, and to working with the AUC in bringing to the attention of the AU, the voices of its member churches in Africa through the joint Memorandum of Understanding.

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

Yours Sincerely,

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