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**To Burundi Church leaders,**

Dear brothers and sisters in Burundi,

As you prepare for the national elections taking place in Burundi tomorrow on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 in Burundi, we express the solidarity of your brothers and sisters in the churches around the world. We, the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) join in assuring all church leaders as well as all members of your churches of our prayers.

Both WCC and AACC have long sought to accompany the church and people of Burundi in your search for sustainable peace, justice and democracy. As Christians, we are indeed called to bear witness to our faith and commitment to peace in Burundi. Therefore, we must condemn any action that would lead to disruption of peace before, during and after elections.

We are thankful to God for his protection during this COVID-19 pandemic, and for your dedication to this mission of peace and justice. It is our hope that your courageous action will bear positive fruits for the promotion of democracy, peace and social cohesion. When peace is lost for any reason, it is usually painful, expensive and slow to regain it. That is why the Lord says:

**“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God,” (Matthew 5:9).**

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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