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STATEMENT ON ETHIOPIA

The AACC General Committee meeting, of May 2 to 5, took note of the improvement in Ethiopia's political situation since the signing of the "Agreement for lasting peace through a permanent cessation of hostilities between the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia [FDRE] and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF)". It also noted regional and local efforts to bring about sustainable peace in Ethiopia, including ongoing talks between the government - FDRE and the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) to put an end to the protracted, silent conflict that haunts the Oromia region and Ethiopia at large. The conflict and disagreements within the Amhara region also need attention and dialogue.

The AACC General Committee urges Ethiopia's government leadership, particularly the Prime Minister, Dr. Abiy Ahmed to guarantee that transitional justice arrangements address the primary concerns of Ethiopian citizens; and that a path to recovery, access and restoration to services is prioritized. The AACC General Committee further calls for accountability, justice, and redress of atrocities perpetrated against people during the Tigray armed conflict and other armed conflicts that had inflicted the country; as a step towards healing and creating durable peace, as well as full respect for human rights. The government and faith communities have an important role to facilitate national healing, truth-telling, reconciliation, and redress for victims.

The AACC continues to pray for success in reconciliation efforts in pursuance of lasting peace in Ethiopia; the unity of the church and other faith communities there; and expresses its solidarity with the leadership of its members, and the people of Ethiopia.

“He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.” (Isaiah 2:4)

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