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AACC STATEMENT ON PEACE IN SUDAN

We, the members of the General Committee of the All Africa Conference of Churches met in Nairobi, Kenya from 3– 4th May 2023 considered the increasing and deteriorating situation of insecurity in the Republic of Sudan and we are truly worried. We are disturbed by the continuing violent attacks and bombardment between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) that has already left many people dead, injured, and internally displaced with thousands fleeing the country for refuge in neighboring countries that are fragile and in transition. We are concerned about the plight of civilians amid these brutal hostilities fueled by human greed and the quest for power.

Having been reminded by our call as peacemakers to work for peace and demand for justice for God's creation:

1. We strongly condemn the use of violence by both forces in the Sudan because such acts go against the teachings of Christian faith;
2. We stand in solidarity and in prayer with the people of Sudan who renounce violence and unite in their aspiration for a peaceful and democratic future for Sudan;
3. We passionately appeal to the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) engaged in this armed confrontation to harken to the voice of reason and good conscience by honestly observing the ceasefire for the protection of civilians and safe passage for humanitarian assistance to reach the distressed people in Sudan.
4. We CALL on the protagonists to return to political dialogue and negotiations in the supreme interest of the Sudanese people.
5. We CALL on and encourage all duty-bearers including the African Union, IGAD, the Arab League, governments and all people of good will to continue facilitating the process of ending the violence in Sudan.

Inspired by our vision of churches together for life, peace, justice, and dignity of God's people and in support of the work towards the realization of the aspirations for "an integrated, peaceful and prosperous Africa as in the African Union Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want", we commit to intentionally pursue sustainable peace anchored on justice and dignity in the continent of Africa and in Sudan in particular.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God". (Matthew 5: 9)

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