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CONDEMNING INJUSTICE AND RACISM IN THE USA

As the whole world continues to see the unprecedented exposure of rampant racism, particularly against people of African Descent in the USA, the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) condemns the injustice and racism we are witnessing in the USA. We condemn in no uncertain terms the brutal murder of George Floyd and many others by those who are supposed to be keeping law and order for all the citizens. We express profound solidarity with all people of USA, regardless of their races, in their struggle for sustainable justice for all.

It is very sad indeed, that so many years after the abolition of slavery and many attempts to remedy the systemic racism and social imbalances thereafter, still the flagrant existence and practice of systemic racism has been uncovered one more time. We join all those people we see on the streets of USA who say, “enough is enough”. We are appalled by the silence of those who claim to be real Christians, and still defend acts of brutality against groups of people who do not look like themselves, who are called “minorities.”

The All Africa Conference of Churches advocates for “**respecting the dignity and image of God in every human being.**” We sincerely applaud many church bodies in the USA who have been standing against this rampant racism. We applaud the many non-black citizens of USA who are standing for justice for the people of African descent, demonstrating with them and demanding justice for all together. It is laudable that most non-black people do condemn and fight injustice against people of African descent. It will be a mistake to construe sinful, racist attitude and actions as black against white and vice versa. Racism is a sin, in whatever form it manifests itself.

We have always appreciated how the USA attempted to be a champion of justice and human rights globally, always condemning and sanctioning countries and leaderships who violate the rights of their own people and against militarization of law and order. As we follow developments going on in the USA, we are asking, will the USA government recover its moral authority and credibility to dare call out any other country which uses military on the streets to dominate citizens demanding right to be heard, or which sanctions its law and order organs to brutalize its own people using flimsy and queer legislation, to humiliate its people? Where is the soul of America as a country of the free?

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We join the churches in the USA to continue advocating for justice and peace in America, and condemn sinful systemic racism. We urge them not to lose hope, but to continue praying and working for justice and freedom for all in America.

We call on the millions of African Christians to pray for the country of USA as it works to uproot this sin and ensure justice for all. **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God (Matthew 5:9).”** But no justice, no peace!

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