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## STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY TO THE PRIMATE AND THE FAITHFUL OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SUDAN

## FROM THE AFRICA ANGLICAN PRIMATES

"We are standing with you."

Eight months into the power struggle between the two generals of the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces, Sudan remains embroiled in a devastating civil war. The conflict has taken a severe toll, resulting in the loss of thousands of lives, widespread property destruction, and the displacement of nearly a million people from their homes. Despite the attempts of various stakeholders to broker peace and return the country to civil rule, progress has been limited, and a resolution to the ongoing conflict appears elusive.

We, the Africa Anglican Primates, meeting for fellowship and consultation, extend this message of solidarity to our Brother, **Most Rev. Ezekiel Kondo**, Primate of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, all the members of the Episcopal Church and the entire Sudanese community, both at home and abroad. We want to assure you of our ongoing prayers and steadfast support during these challenging times.

We are deeply saddened by reports of the destruction and looting of church properties, the loss of historic artifacts and buildings including healthcare facilities, as well as the disruption of vital services during these troubling times. The distressing sight of unburied corpses along the streets brings tears to our eyes. As the Council of Africa Anglican Primates, we strongly condemn these actions and stand united against such acts of violence and destruction.

We express our unwavering support for the church in Sudan and urgently call upon General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan of the Sudanese Armed Forces and General Mohamed Hamdan Daaglo of the Rapid Support Forces to reconsider their motivations for resorting to armed conflict and instead engage in peaceful negotiations. The true worth of power diminishes if there is no country or people left to be governed. Human life should not be sacrificed for selfish ambitions or personal interests in the pursuit and exercise of power.

Releasing Our Potential to Realize Our Possibilities

We emphasize that human life is sacred and must be respected and preserved at all costs.

The dire situation in Darfur and the precarious conditions faced by displaced individuals seeking refuge paint a distressing picture—escaping one perilous situation only to face another. This ongoing war in Sudan must cease, and we earnestly appeal to the two generals and their supporters to recognize the urgency of ending the suffering endured by their fellow countrymen and women.

To the members of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and the entire Sudanese community, we, your spiritual fathers, offer our assurance. Though you may feel surrounded and perplexed, do not despair or sense abandonment. Remember, the Lord is with you; it is He who brings wars to an end and renders weapons powerless (Psalm 46:9). We stand in solidarity with you during these challenging times, upholding you daily in our prayers.

Remember, the Lord of Hosts is with you and He bids you PEACE

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