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A Statement from the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

The Right Revd Anthony Poggo, the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion has shared a statement following the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

I am deeply saddened at the horrific pain and trauma experienced by survivors of John Smyth's abuse. The Makin Review is an important learning lessons review. It underlines how every church must have robust safeguarding processes in place to protect people, prevent abuse and respond effectively.

I understand and support the Archbishop of Canterbury's courageous decision to announce his resignation, as he seeks to carry both personal and institutional responsibility. However, I also want to reflect on the important contribution the Archbishop of Canterbury has made in championing the work of safeguarding during his ministry in the Anglican Communion. Working with Anglican sisters and brothers around the world, he has been very supportive of the work of the Anglican Communion Safe Church Commission. He also prioritised Safe Church as one of the major themes at the Lambeth Conference.

In the days and weeks ahead, let us continue to pray for our Communion, and re-commit ourselves to the ongoing responsibility of safeguarding in all churches and communities around the globe.

The Right Revd Anthony Poggo
The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

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