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## **STATEMENT FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF KENYA ON MISLEADING INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHURCH'S POSITION ON GOVERNANCE ISSUES AFFECTING THE NATION**

The Anglican Church of Kenya takes great exception to reports in some section of the media, which seems to indicate that ACK do not agree with the Catholic Bishops for calling out the government on a number of issues facing the country.

We the ACK, fully support the catholic bishops' statement to the nation. We believe that the government is yet to turn around the country and steer it in the right direction. Calling church leaders names or dismissing the bishops' statement as "misleading, erroneous and false," is itself dishonest. The bishops have spoken the minds of Kenyans and faithfully expressed the truth as things are on the ground. No amount of attacks or intimidation will deter the church from calling out evil and speaking the truth to power.

Let the political class and those in government come down from their high horses, listen for once, rather than seemingly perpetuate the commonplace culture of impunity. The governed do not need lectures but services and honest engagement. Please concentrate on providing leadership in a meaningful way and first tackle the myriad of problems that is bedevilling the country.

It cannot be gainsaid that the new university funding model has not worked. Public universities are barely functioning. Perpetual delays in releasing capitation has continued to undermine efficient running of public schools. It cannot be gainsaid that the transition from National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) to Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) has been anything but smooth, causing Kenyans untold suffering. It cannot be gainsaid that

Kenyans have suffered unexplained abductions, forced disappearances and unresolved murders. Who should be held responsible if not the government? It cannot be gainsaid that Kenyans are struggling with punitive taxes, unemployment crises, and less than ideal business environment. It cannot be gainsaid that the most vulnerable Kenyans have experienced inhuman evictions with no viable alternative to their already precarious living arrangements.

In the circumstances, we should not simply fold our hands and pray for miracles. We do not also condemn the government or even criticize for the sake of it. We, nevertheless, demand transparency, greater accountability, time-bound plans, and urgent interventions in such services as especially medical care, which cannot wait. It is time the government realized that too much talk and open-ended promises will not do. The ancient wisdom still holds true that: "When the rulers are good, the people are happy. When the rulers are evil, the people complain," (Proverbs 29:2).



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