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STATEMENT BY THE ALL AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES (AACC) ON THE ALLEGED SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF FEMALE WORKERS IN TEA FARMS IN KENYA

The All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) is concerned and saddened by the revelations of sexual harassment of women working in tea farms in Kenya, exposed in the BBC One Panorama Investigative Report titled “**Sex for Work: The True Cost of Our Tea**”. As an ecumenical organization with over 140 Million Christians in 43 African countries, AACC joins the rest of the world in condemning this heinous act of forcing women to offer their bodies for sex in exchange for jobs, in the strongest terms possible.

AACC stands in solidarity with the over 70 women working at the implicated tea farms who are reportedly survivors of rape. Women are full human beings, created in the image and glory of God, and NOT sex vessels. Their dignity is to be respected and not abused.

As we respond with prayer, the All Africa Conference of Churches calls for:

- 1) Urgent and thorough investigation of the sexual scandal and for all the perpetrators to be brought to justice;
- 2) Justice for the over 70 women survivors of sexual violence and their families and demand that the management of the institutions implicated in the documentary to take responsibility, apologise, and compensate for the damage done to the victims and their families; and
- 3) Implementation of all legal frameworks to combat workplace sexual violence and harassment at the workplace as well as these institution’s “Zero-tolerance” policy on sexual abuse.

We reiterate our commitment to eliminate Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV), especially violence against women and girls (VAWG) and to promote respect for the dignity and God’s image in all human beings.

“Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body” (1 Corinthians 6:18).”

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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