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CALL FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL CONFLICTS

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The Lutheran World Federation Council, meeting under the theme 'Abound in Hope – Rom 15:13' issues the following statement:

The Council notes with deep concern the dramatic escalation of armed conflicts in every region of the world and the negative global trends of violence, injustices, including based on gender, displacement of people, humanitarian and climate crises and threats to democracy, rule of law and human rights.

The Council is appalled by the overall lack of sound political leadership at national, regional and global levels, which has jeopardized the ability of the institutions at all levels to adequately respond to crises and challenges facing society. The Council decries the fact that some members of the United Nations (UN) Security Council are involved in warfare, which has negatively impacted on the Security Council's ability to deliver on its mandate. These members must end the wars immediately and move to tables of dialogue and peace. The Council welcomes the ongoing intergovernmental processes related to the reform of the UN Security Council.

The Council recognizes the UN Secretary General's call for the Summit of the Future and its planned outcome, the Pact of the Future, and notes their potential to meaningfully address the ongoing intersecting global crises.

As the LWF launches its global strategy that will guide programs and work until 2031, the Council affirms the need to cultivate and share hope at all levels. The Council reaffirms the global solidarity shown by the global communion and calls on member churches of the LWF to continue their work on responsible theology, diakonia, humanitarian assistance and advocacy.

In line with the work, presence and ministries of The Lutheran World Federation and its member churches, the Council calls on the international community to:

- Support urgent action at community, national and international levels to address the ongoing violence, conflicts and wars in Cameroon, Central African Republic, Central America, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, the Korean

Peninsula, Lebanon, Myanmar, Nigeria, Palestine, the South China Sea, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, and other countries.

- Provide stronger, predictable, sustainable and more meaningful support for people and communities affected by crises globally through adequate humanitarian assistance, protection and livelihood support.
- Ensure that the Summit of the Future and the Pact of the Future that will be issued by member states of the United Nations in September 2024 brings hope and prioritizes the protection and dignity of the people and communities affected by humanitarian crises, displacement, poverty, hunger, conflicts, climate change and violation of human rights.
- Redouble its effort toward addressing the scandalous reality of racism, xenophobia, intolerance, and other forms of discrimination and violence including gender.