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# DEEP CONCERN OVER IMPACT OF SWISS VOTE ON MASSIVE IMMIGRATION

## LWF and Geneva-Based Ecumenical Organizations Seek Meeting with Authorities

*GENEVA, 20 February 2014 (LWI)* – The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance and the World Council of Churches (WCC) have expressed deep concern over the direct implications of a 9 February vote on an initiative to restrict massive immigration to Switzerland.

In a joint letter to the President of the State Council of the Canton of Geneva Mr François Longchamp, the general secretaries of the three international ecumenical organizations express concern about the constraints the vote would have for their overall work including staff recruitment and other related operations.

They also state their apprehension that the initiative against massive immigration was discriminatory and incompatible both with Switzerland's humanitarian tradition and the Christian idea of humanity.

The LWF, ACT and WCC have more than 200 staff persons from all parts of the world working at their Geneva offices.

*The full text of the letter is available at:*

[http://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/LWF\\_WCC\\_ACT-Letter\\_Swiss\\_Authorities\\_Immigration\\_Vote.pdf](http://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/LWF_WCC_ACT-Letter_Swiss_Authorities_Immigration_Vote.pdf)

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