CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF GHANA (CCG) PRESS RELEASE

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TO ALL PRESS HOUSES

Dearly beloved citizens of Ghana,

LET US SUPPORT COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE AKOSOMBO DAM SPILLAGE

We bring you greetings from the Christian Council of Ghana in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The leadership of CCG has followed media reports about the havoc caused by floods in certain communities following the spillage of the Akosombo Dam.

The media reports show that districts along the lower Volta Basin and others have been severely hit by the floods and many families have been displaced from their homes. Information from some of our pastors in the affected communities also indicate that many have lost their livelihoods, including farms and essential commodities in their homes. We have also learnt of the total closure of schools in many districts as a result of the floods. On October 17 2023, Heads of Churches and Executive Council Members of the Christian Council of Ghana visited some affected areas to ascertain the level of damage to properties. We need to acknowledge that the devastation is horrific, to say the least.

The Council therefore calls on all CCG member churches and other churches across the country to pray for the flood victims and send relief items to ease their pain. We pray and hope that all families affected by the floods will be able to regain their normal livelihoods again.

We appreciate the efforts of the government through the Inter-Ministerial Committee to bring relief to the affected persons. We urge the committee to swiftly engage all government agencies to bring the necessary respite to people affected by the disaster and to forestall any national crisis. We also call on the committee to suggest ways of averting such disastrous situations in the near future to safeguard the people who live downstream the Akosombo Dam.

May the peace of God be with us all.

Signed

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