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Appeal for Peace in the Bawku Conflict: Safeguarding Our Churches and Communities

The Christian Council of Ghana (CCG) expresses deep concern over the ongoing conflict in Bawku, in the Upper East Region. The continued violence has led to loss of lives, displacement of residents, and the disruption of peace and development efforts in the area. We are especially troubled by the devastating impact this conflict is having on churches and mission establishments in Bawku—institutions that are vital not only for spiritual nourishment, but also for community support and cohesion.

Bawku is home to numerous Christian congregations and mission facilities, many of which have suffered damage and the suspension of their activities. These institutions have long contributed to peacebuilding and social development in the region, and their safety and continuity are essential for the wellbeing of all residents.

The roots of the conflict primarily lie in longstanding chieftaincy disputes between the Kusasi and Mamprusi ethnic groups, which have unfortunately escalated into recurrent violence. We urgently appeal to the leaders of both communities to embrace dialogue, uphold the sanctity of human life, and work together toward a peaceful resolution for the benefit of their people and the region as a whole.

We also call on local opinion leaders, religious groups, civil society organizations, women and youth groups—all of whom play crucial roles in mediation and reconciliation—to intensify their efforts toward lasting peace.

Moreover, we urge the security agencies stationed in Bawku to carry out their duties with utmost professionalism, impartiality, and restraint. Security personnel must avoid

any actions that may inflame tensions or alienate the local population. Their foremost responsibility is to protect all citizens—including vulnerable groups and places of worship—without discrimination or intimidation.

The Christian Council of Ghana stands in solidarity with all peacebuilding stakeholders in calling for a non-violent resolution to the conflict. We urge the government to implement inclusive and sustainable peace initiatives that engage all relevant parties meaningfully.

In addition, we call on all pastors and church members across the nation to commit to fervent prayer for peace, healing, and divine guidance for all those working toward reconciliation in Bawku.

The continued instability in Bawku not only endangers lives but also undermines social cohesion and development in the Upper East Region and beyond. Restoring peace is a shared responsibility—one that requires the collective effort of traditional leaders, ethnic communities, religious institutions, security agencies, and government authorities.

The Christian Council of Ghana remains committed to supporting all genuine efforts aimed at peacebuilding, reconciliation, and the protection of all Ghanaians.

Signed

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