7th March, 2017

STATEMENT TO THE PRESS BY INTER-RELIGIOUS LEADERS ON THE MEDIATION PROCESS OF THE DOCTORS’ STRIKE

1.0 Preamble

We, the Religious Leaders of Kenya under the auspices of the Inter-Religious Council of Kenya (IRCK) make this statement following the court proceedings this morning in the matter concerning the on-going Doctors’ Strike.

Our interest in this matter is driven by the immense suffering of innocent Kenyans occasioned by the on-going strike by the Medical Practitioners. The fatalities and the suffering are immeasurable and incompensatable.

We thank the Court of Appeal for having given us audience and allowed us to have a role in the Mediation Process to unlock the impasse.

We particularly wish to thank His Excellency the President of Kenya, Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta for his magnanimity in opening his doors and listening to us.

At this juncture we would like to acknowledge and appreciate all the other previous negotiators who have been part of this process so far.
It would be remiss of us if we do not also thank the Ministry of Health, The National Treasury, Council of Governors’ (CoG), Doctors’ Union and the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) for allowing us to walk with them through the process thus far.

2.0 The Outcome of the Mediation

As Religious Leaders we have so far managed to bridge the gap between the Doctors’ Union and the Governments (their employers). What remains now is effecting the agreements reached to be implemented under the Recognition Agreements, Return to Work Formula and the Revised Collective Bargaining Agreement as per the Court’s direction.

For the sake of *Wanjiku* we urge the two parties to move with utmost speed and sign these agreements to alleviate the suffering of Kenyans.

We pray for an immediate solution to the industrial action between the Doctor’s and both the National and County Governments.

The Religious Leaders implore the Government and the KMPDU to take all such action as is required to complete the pending matters and have the Doctors’ resume duty with immediate effect.

On our part as Religious Leaders we will continue to call on all Kenyans to pray and fast to enable the process be concluded as soon as possible.

We remain available as Religious Leaders for any assistance that will be required of us on this and any other issue of public interest.

God Bless Kenya.
Signed at Anglican Church of Kenya Headquarters on 7th March 2017 by:

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