

Statement of Nicaragua ACT Forum about the crisis in the country

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God... Matthew 5-9

We as Nicaragua ACT forum representatives, with deep human and pastoral concern, want to reflect on the serious crisis we are experiencing in our country, with hope in Christ, Lord of life, of history and of peace. The Nicaraguan people have faced different conflicts along history that have brought sorrow and mourning to families.

In this regard that:

WE ARE CONCERNED in the current conflict, about the suffering of the affected families who, loss their loved ones, the mistreatment of the detainees, the uncertainty of those who do not find their relatives, the economic lost due to the destruction of businesses and public goods, censure of the media, the bad international image the country is projecting as well as lack of trust that the population has of the National Police, whose mission is to safeguard order and citizen's security.

WE CALL UPON YOU ACT Alliance members solidarity, to keep us in your prayers, asking the Lord for wisdom to guide us towards dialogue and national harmony, enlightened by the Holy Spirit.

WE CALL UPON The National government to work for peace, justice, non-violence and to build a country with respect to the rights granted to all by the Political Constitution of Nicaragua. As the prophet Micah 6-8 said *He has shown you, o mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

WE CALL UPON the national authorities as well as the Nicaraguan society to depose attitudes of hatred and revenge that threaten life and exacerbate the crisis, putting at risk the socio-economic stability in the country.

WE CALL UPON THE AUTHORITIES to respect human rights, freedom of speech, allowing every citizen to make use of their right to peaceful protest within the legal and civic frameworks of the nation.

As faith based organizations, we believe in the power of God to bless our nation with lasting peace and consequently call upon our faithful to continue to pray for peace in our beloved country. Our hope and faith are in our great and mighty God.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the communion of the Holy Spirit and the love of the Father be with us in this difficult time.

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