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**PRESS STATEMENT**

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**THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES IN EAST AFRICA (APSEA) CALLS FOR POSITIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION LEADERS**

The Association of Professional Societies in East Africa (APSEA) is calling upon President Dr. William Ruto, Opposition Leader Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga as well as other key stakeholders to engage in positive dialogue in a bid to save our beloved country.

APSEA is advocating for peace, tranquility and tolerance for the sake of over 50 million Kenyans even as Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Alliance has declared to hold weekly demonstrations in the county every Monday and Thursday.

As we accord respect to our constitutionally elected leaders, we also acknowledge the fact that Kenya has made significant political, social and economic strides over the years which have remained our strongest pillars for stability since independence.

However, Kenya as other third-world nations, has encountered a number of challenges which have led to high poverty rates, social inequality, unprecedented youth unemployment and high cost of living. These Socio-economic challenges have made it very difficult for the ordinary mwananchi to put at least two meals on the table each day. With this in mind, we ask our leaders to be cautious about their body language and uncalled for utterances.

APSEA therefore appeals to both the government and the opposition's top hierarchy to engage in constructive dialogue and find a lasting solution that will promote peace, stability and economic development in the country.

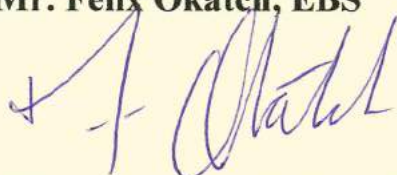
Even as Article 37 of the Kenya's 2010 Constitution gives every person a right to peacefully assemble, demonstrate, picket and present petitions to public authority, as a country we cannot afford any more mass protests, given that on Monday one Kenyan lost his life, several others were injured and properties were destroyed. It is our estimation that the declared demonstrations will further cost the country over Kshs 4 billion each week.

We at APSEA appeal to the Government and the opposition alike to work towards uniting the country as the recent explosive political and economic environment trends have resulted to the free fall of the shilling against other major world currencies.

APSEA appeals to all Kenyans to maintain peace as they go about their normal businesses in order to grow the economy and create employment opportunities and maintain peace which will eventually attract local and foreign investors.

Finally, on behalf of the professional bodies in East Africa, APSEA takes this opportunity to reach out to the government and opposition politicians to moderate their public utterances that can cause discord and disunity in our beloved country.

**Mr. Felix Okatch, EBS**



**Chairman, Association of Professional Societies in East Africa (APSEA)**



## NOTE TO THE EDITOR

APSEA (The Association of Professional Societies in East Africa) is a joint Forum and an umbrella body of Professionals Associations established in 1961, comprising of a corporate membership of thirty (30) Professional Associations from diverse professional disciplines and over 500,000 individual professionals.

APSEA comprises of the following corporate members:

1. Architectural Association of Kenya-AAK
2. Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya-ACEK
3. Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Kenya Branch) (CIArb)
4. Environment Institute of Kenya- EIK
5. Geological Society of Kenya-GSK
6. Institute of Certified Investment and Financial Analysts-ICIFA
7. Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya-ICPAK
8. Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya -ICPSK
9. Institute of Clerks of Works of Kenya-ICWK
10. Institute of Loss Adjusters and Risk Surveyors (IARS)
11. Institute of Quantity Surveyors of Kenya-IQSK
12. Institution of Engineers of Kenya -IEK
13. Institution of Surveyors of Kenya-ISK
14. Institute of Human Resource Management -IHRM
15. Insurance Institute of Kenya-IIK
16. Kenya Association of Radiologists- KAR
17. Kenya Institute of Bankers-KIB
18. Kenya Chemical Society-KCS
19. Kenya Dental Association-KDA
20. Kenya Institute of Food Science and Technology-KIFST
21. Kenya Institute of Management-KIM
22. Kenya Institute of Planners-KIP
23. Kenya Institute of Supplies Management-KISM
24. Kenya Medical Association-KMA
25. Kenya Meteorological Society-KMS
26. Kenya Society of Physiotherapists-KSP
27. Kenya Veterinary Association-KVA
28. Law Society of Kenya-LSK
29. Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya-PSK
30. Society of Radiography in Kenya-SORK

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