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KENYA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION'S CALL TO ACTION: PROTECT AND SUPPORT OUR PHYSICIANS

The Kenya Medical Association (KMA) is the umbrella professional organization for doctors in Kenya, dedicated to championing the welfare of doctors and advocating for the highest standards of quality healthcare in the country.

We extend our deep appreciation to over 4,000 young, unemployed doctors who bravely took to the streets countrywide to provide emergency medical services during the 'Rejectfinancebill2024' demonstrations held on 20th June 2024. Further, we acknowledge the contributions of all stakeholders, including individuals, businesses, religious institutions, and the public, for organizing and mobilizing resources to ensure timely medical services for the injured protesters.

At approximately 1:20 pm EAT, Dr. Austin Omondi, a recently accredited Medical Officer trained at Egerton University, was abducted by an unknown car while coordinating the 'Medics for Kenya' blood drive at the Sikh Union Club along Forest Road. The 'Medics for Kenya' initiative represents a social change movement among young physicians who are currently underemployed, unemployed, or employed under temporary contracts outside the established framework; the 2017-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement of KMPDU.

In response, The Kenya Medical Association strongly condemns any form of intimidation or professional sabotage directed at physicians providing free emergency medical services. They demonstrated their commitment to citizens and fulfilled their oath to provide care for all. We urge all stakeholders, including employers and the public, to support the selfless contribution of young doctors.

Globally, KMA subscribes to the World Medical Association (WMA), whose code of medical ethics and medical neutrality guides the practice of medicine among our members in line with our mission. In light of these events, KMA stands firmly with our young doctors and calls for the protection and necessary support for our members, including the immediate release of Dr. Omondi and any other unlawfully incarcerated physicians while offering services to Kenyan citizens.

We make reference to the following laws that underscore the fundamental rights of physicians to practice medicine without fear of arbitrary arrest or interference, ensuring their safety and ability to fulfill their professional duties;

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International Human Rights Laws Protecting Physicians Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR):

- Article 3: Right to life, liberty, and security of person.
- Article 9: No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention, or exile. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
- Article 9: Right to liberty and security of person; prohibition of arbitrary arrest and detention.
- Article 14: Right to a fair trial and presumption of innocence.
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)
- Article 12: Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

Dr. Diana Marion

Secretary General

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