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Press release No. 001/ECC/PN/25 "Come, let us return to the Lord!" (Hos 6, 1-2)

- 1. The Church of Christ in Congo (ECC) expresses its deep concern following the deterioration of the security and humanitarian situation in the Province of North Kivu and particularly in the City of Goma.
- 2. The Church of Christ in Congo calls on the sons and daughters of Goma and its surroundings to remain calm, reassuring them of its spiritual, moral and material support in prayer.
- 3. The Church of Christ in Congo urges the authorities of the Country to activate an emergency plan, guaranteeing the protection of civilian populations displaced in other provinces or refugees outside the Country.
- 4. The Church of Christ in Congo reiterates its commitment to contribute to building consensus on Peace and living together (cf. Psalms 133). Thus, it launches once again an emotional appeal to the various political and military actors as well as to the sons and daughters of the Country and the Great Lakes Region to adhere to the initiative of the Social Pact for Sustainable Peace and Good Living Together launched by the ECC and the CENCO.
- 5. Faced with the inevitability that is imposed on us, the Church of Christ in Congo calls on all Protestant communities in North Kivu and South Kivu to implement a humanitarian emergency plan, as is traditional, in order to meet the needs of populations in distress. It launches, in the same circumstances, an urgent appeal to the entire great Protestant family of the World to participate in this humanitarian action in favor of our brothers and sisters who are victims of atrocities.

- 6. The Church of Christ in Congo firmly believes that if we all, as a people, return to the Lord, [...] He will give us life; He will raise us up [...] and we will live before his face (cf. Hos 6:1-2).
- 7. The Democratic Republic of the Congo, the blessed-gift of God, will remain one and indivisible. May the Lord, the Good Shepherd, support our valiant soldiers as well as all the families in distress.

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