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SCC Statement on the Issue of Mrs. Mariam Yahya Ibrahim (Abrar Alhadi)

The Bible Says:

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. .. For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you."

(Isaiah 41: 10-11,13.)

The Issue of Mrs. Mariam Yaha have raised widespread resentment and discontent among the Sudanese community in general and Christians in particular , because the court sentence undermines Article 31 of the Interim constitution of Sudan of 2005 .Which read as follow :

"All persons are equal before the law and are entitled without discrimination, as to race ,colour, sex, language, religious creed political opinion, or ethnic origin, to the equal protection of the law ".

And article 38 which read as follow : " Every person shall have the right to the freedom of religious creed and worship , and to declare his , her religions or creed and manifest the same,by way of worship, education, practice or performance of rites or ceremonies, subject to requirements of law and public order, no person shall be coerced to adopt such faith, that he, she does not believe in, or to practice rites or



services to which he, she does not voluntarily consent."

In spite of these wonderful constitutional provision that guarantee freedom of belief, Mrs Mariam Yaha was accused of apostasy on 15\05 \2014 at Haj-Yousif Court, and was sentenced to death according to the criminal code of 1991 article 126 .

It is worth mentioning that Sudan is a signatory and ratified the International Convention of Human Rights, which provides for the freedom of belief, which is fully in consistent with the spirit of the Sudan Interim Constitution .

Based on all the above mentioned articles we raise highly our voices as follow:

- 1- We praise and appreciate the steadfast position of Mrs Mariam to her moral and religious belief .
- 2- Disapprove the verdict against Mrs. Mariam Yahia which contrasts with all of the above mentioned constitutional provision and that of the International Convention of Human Rights which ratified by the Government of Sudan as mentioned before.
- 3- The verdict reached by the court on Mariam is a clear and direct persecution on Christians and Sudanese Churches.
- 4- We demand to abolish the court rulling and release Mrs. Mariam Yahya at once.

We issue this statement as Christian leaders in presenting our denominations in the Sudan as one of the fundamental components of social fabric in the country which characterized with diversty and multiple of cultures,ethnicities and its beliefs.

We call upon all to reinforce the pillars of peace and religious co-existence in the Sudan and reject all that threaten the social fabric and damage the call for dialogue declared by the president of the Republic aiming to foster the spirit of patriotisim among all components of the

Sudanese community

Finally we hope that all unfair laws against the Christians' rights be reviewed to be in consistent with the constitution and International Human Rights conventions ratified by Sudan.

Signed:

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