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**SUBJECT: MEDIA STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CRL RIGHTS COMMISSION
IN RESPONSE TO THE ATTACKS ON LIVES, DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY
AND VIOLENCE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCED IN THE COUNTRY**

The CRL Rights Commission has noted with grave concern the high rate of violence in our country which has sadly been characterised by the destruction of property, looting of shops, injuries and loss of lives.

The Commission whose mandate among other things is to promote respect, peace, friendship, humanity, tolerance and national unity among and within cultural, religious and linguistic communities believes that the current problems we are witnessing pose a serious threat not only to the values of democracy, social cohesion but even to our common humanity. The Commission believes that when these values are violated or ignored, unfortunately, that can lead to some people resorting to ways of resolving their challenges through means that violate the rights of others and even posing a serious threat to life itself.

The CRL Rights Commission condemns all forms of attacks or violence against any person irrespective of whether is local or a foreign national.

The Commission calls upon government, political parties, traditional and religious leaders to speak to their respective constituencies across the board in order to help cease any form of violence, attacks including the looting and destruction of property. Further, the Commission calls upon the respective government departments to fast-track their interventions in addressing the concerns raised by the local and foreign national communities such as unemployment, inequality, drug and human trafficking, attacks directed at women as well as poor living conditions of communities.

The Commission intends facilitating an urgent engagement with critical stakeholders to discuss and deepen the understanding about the concerns raised by all the

affected parties as well as to consider practical and implementable measures that can be used to deal with these intractable challenges. The outcome of this engagement will be shared with the relevant agencies in an effort to fast-track interventions to this challenge.

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