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## PRESS STATEMENT

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# THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES IN EAST AFRICA (APSEA) WANTS DIALOGUE BROADENED TO SOLVE CHALLENGES FACING KENYA

The Association of Professional Societies in East Africa (APSEA) has applauded the decision by President Dr. William Ruto and Opposition Leader Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga to engage in dialogue to save our beloved country.

APSEA is advocating for the bi-partisan approach that has been agreed upon to be broadened beyond just electoral justice reforms to tackle all the key challenges facing Kenya, once and for all.

Among the key stakeholders that APSEA wants to be involved and included in the dialogue include professionals, academia, politicians, religious leaders and the youth so as to find lasting solutions to challenges facing the over 50 million Kenyans.

The key issues APSEA wants to be included in the discussion are;

- 1. High cost of living
- 2. Poverty and inequality
- 3. Unemployment and under-employment
- 4. Electoral justice
- 5. Increase county governments allocation to over Kshs 700 billion
- 6. Reduce CASs appointments to 23 as recommended by PSC

If the talks do not meet their threshold, Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Alliance has threatened to call upon its supporters to resume demonstrations as provided in Article 37 of the Kenya's 2010 Constitution which gives every person a right to

peacefully assemble, demonstrate, picket and present petitions to public authority and continue with their weekly demonstrations.

APSEA appeals to all Kenyans to maintain peace and tranquility as they go about their normal businesses so as to continue with the individual and collective effort to grow the economy.

Finally, as professional bodies in East Africa, APSEA takes this opportunity to reach out to all Kenyans to remain peaceful and give dialogue a chance.

Yours Sincerely,

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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