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The Center for Africa Development and Progress (CADEP) expresses profound sorrow and vehement condemnation over the recent, brutal attacks against Christian communities in Nigeria, which have resulted in tragic loss of lives, mass abductions, destruction of property, and deep psychological trauma across affected regions.

We stand in unwavering solidarity with the victims, survivors, and bereaved families whose lives have been shattered by these senseless acts of violence. No community, no child, no worshipper should ever become a target of terror in the place they call home or in the sanctuary where they seek peace. CADeP extends its deepest empathy to every family mourning a loved one and to all individuals currently missing or held in captivity. We hold them in our prayers and share in their anguish.

The Executive Chairman of CADeP - Mr. Johanes Koku Nyagblordzro stated that: "These recurring attacks represent not only an assault on human life but also a direct threat to peace, stability, and coexistence in West Africa. The widening pattern of kidnappings, raids on churches and schools, and targeted violence against vulnerable communities demands decisive, coordinated action."

CADEP therefore calls on regional bodies, particularly ECOWAS and the African Union (AU), to intervene urgently and meaningfully. Such intervention must include:

- Deployment of coordinated security and intelligence support to the Government of Nigeria;**
- Strengthened cross-border surveillance to disrupt the movement of armed groups;**
- Establishment of a humanitarian assistance framework for displaced individuals and affected families;**
- A regional task force to address rising extremist, sectarian, and militia-driven violence.**

Africa cannot remain silent while entire communities live in perpetual fear, nor can we allow impunity to deepen the cycle of violence. Protecting human life is a collective African responsibility.

CADEP reaffirms its commitment to peacebuilding, human rights advocacy, and regional stability. We call on civil society, faith-based groups, and international partners to join in amplifying this cause until justice, safety, and healing are restored.

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