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Message to His Holiness Abune Kerlos I, Patriarch of Eritrea

Your Holiness,

On behalf of the World Council of Churches (WCC) and also on my personal behalf, I extend the warmest congratulations to Your Holiness on your election as the fifth Patriarch of the Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church.

Your election comes at a time of unprecedented challenges for the churches and people of Eritrea; and for the entire world as we struggle to emerge from the global pandemic. I am confident that your spiritual leadership and your long history of ecumenical engagement will promote and sustain the life and witness of the Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church.

As you undertake the responsibilities of leadership, we pray that God will strengthen and guide your patriarchal ministry with many blessed years of service. We look forward to continuing our fruitful cooperation and collaboration with the Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church as a member of the WCC fellowship.

Your Holiness, please be assured of our continued prayers for your leadership and for the life and witness of the Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church.

With filial respect,

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