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His Eminence Ekpenyong Akpanika,
PHD,
Prelate and the Moderator of the
General Assembly
The Presbyterian Church of Nigeria.

Your Eminence,

I convey my sincere congratulations to you on behalf of the World Council of Churches (WCC) on your installation service as the Prelate and the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria taking place on Sunday, 11th December 2022 at Duke town Presbyterian Church, Calaba, Cross River State Nigeria. Your installation is coming in an unprecedented time when the churches and people of Nigeria continue to seek solutions to the numerous challenges of insecurity, poverty, hunger, kidnapping for ransom, religion extremism, and all forms of criminalities that have bedevilled the nation of Nigeria.

I am confident that your spiritual leadership and your long history of denomination and ecumenical engagement will promote the spiritual and ecumenical endeavours of the Church and its mission work and theological contributions. We look forward to standing with you in solidarity as you continue to work for justice, peace and human dignity.

Let me extend our appreciation for the longstanding cooperation and collaboration of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria with the WCC over the years under the leadership of your predecessor His Eminence, Nzie Nsie Eke. We hope for continuation of fruitful cooperation with the Church under your leadership while strengthening our ecumenical relations in our common Pilgrimage for Justice, Reconciliation and Unity in Nigeria and the global community.

May God's empowering love strengthen you as you contribute to Christian faith and unity and provide godly leadership to the Church and people of Nigeria in this challenging time. On behalf of the global fellowship, I offer to you encouragement and support for your leadership.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Saucă
Acting General Secretary