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His Eminence Bishop Hovakim Manukyan

Primate of the Armenian Apostolic Church in the United Kingdom

Your Eminence, beloved brother in Christ,

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with Your Eminence and with the beloved faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church in the United Kingdom.

Having read the statement issued by the Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches in the United Kingdom - in which we stand as one voice - I wish to personally and wholeheartedly convey my love, solidarity, and unceasing prayers for Your Grace and your Church in these trying days.

The tragic events of 27 June at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin grieve our hearts deeply. Yet we remember with hope the Lord's promise: "***Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven***" (Matthew 5:10). The unwavering faith of the Armenian Church and her steadfast witness through centuries of suffering and glory continue to inspire and strengthen all of us in the Oriental Orthodox family.

Your Eminence, please be assured of my prayers for His Holiness Karekin II, for the detained clergy, and for all the faithful of the Armenian Church - that justice, peace, and the sanctity of the Church may prevail, and that the Lord may guide your people through these trials toward reconciliation and unity.

We remain ever close to you in Christ, as brothers and fellow servants of His Church.

With prayerful love in our Lord,

+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos