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Statement of the Chairperson of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions on the killing of the African American, George Floyd

The Chairperson of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI)¹, Mohamed Fayek, joins the millions of others around the world who are frustrated and shocked at the killing of George Floyd that occurred on 25th May 2020 by the police officers in the city of Minneapolis in the United States of America.

The Chairperson of NANHRI strongly condemns the killing of this African American man and reaffirms the rejection of discriminatory practices against the citizens of African origin of the United States of America.

He urges the American Authorities to take necessary actions to speedily bring the culprit to justice, to seriously encounter the excessive use of force by police agents and to put an end to racial discrimination.

He confirms and reiterates that social peace shall not be achieved unless racial discrimination is dealt with and stopped. He also strongly calls on the elimination of all forms of discrimination worldwide.

The Chairperson of NANHRI expresses his deepest condolences to the family of George Floyd and his beloved ones.

Fayek Mohamed, NANHRI Chairperson

¹The Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) is an African regional organisation comprising 46 National Human Rights Institutions in Africa (NHRIs) which has been established in 2007 and has its headquarters in Nairobi. NANHRI supports the establishment and strengthening of NHRIs in Africa to effectively discharge their human rights mandate of promoting and protecting human rights as per the Paris Principles. NANHRI is one of the four regional networks of the Global Alliance of the National Human Rights (GANHRI).