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H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto
President of the Republic of Kenya
Nairobi, Republic of Kenya

Your Excellency,

It is with profound sadness that I learned of the passing of H.E. Raila Amolo Odinga, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya, a visionary leader and a great son of Africa, whose lifelong dedication to public service, democracy, and social justice has left an indelible mark on Kenya and the African continent.

On behalf of the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD), and in my personal capacity, I extend to Your Excellency, the Government, and the people of the Republic of Kenya our deepest condolences during this period of national mourning. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Mrs. Ida Odinga, the Odinga family, and all those whose lives he touched through his decades of leadership and service.

His contribution to the African Union reflected his steadfast belief in Africa's capacity to chart its own path toward sustainable development and shared prosperity.

As African Union High Representative for infrastructure Development (2018-2023), he worked tirelessly to promote trans-African connectivity, championing strategic projects under Agenda 2063 that sought to unite African nations through modern transport, energy and digital networks. His leadership in his continental role symbolized his enduring faith in the transformative power of integration and cooperation.

His later engagement with continental processes, including his aspiration to serve as Chairperson of the African Union Commission, further demonstrated his enduring commitment to the African cause, rooted in unity, self-determination, and service to the people.

Moreover, his continued engagement with continental institutions and his advocacy for unity and reform reaffirmed his vision of an Africa that speaks with one voice and acts with one purpose. His was a voice of courage, wisdom, and conviction, one that inspired generations of African to believe in the promise of our continent.

As Kenya mourns the loss of one of its most eminent leaders, AUDA-NEPAD stands in solidarity with Your Excellency and the people of Kenya. We join you in honoring a statesman whose life and legacy transcend politics and borders, a true patriot of Kenya and a great son of Africa.

May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may his legacy continue to inspire future generations to build a united, prosperous and peaceful Africa.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer