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**THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

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**H.E. President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta**  
President of the Republic of Kenya  
State House  
**NAIROBI, KENYA**

Your Excellency,

**RE: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE ON THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF  
AMBASSADOR BETHUEL KIPLAGAT**

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It is with great shock and disbelief that I have received the sad news of the untimely death of Amb. Bethuel Kiplagat, a career diplomat and distinguished public servant.

On behalf of the East African Community and on my own behalf, I convey my heartfelt condolences to your Excellency, and through you to: the bereaved family, relatives and friends of the late Amb. Kiplagat; the Government, and; the people of Kenya.

We mourn the passing of a great son of Kenya and East Africa and a towering figure of our time who has left an indelible imprint on the history of the region through his untiring efforts in peace building.

The Community notes with pride that the departed diplomat was also actively involved in the peace talks and negotiations that led

to the independence of the Republic of South Sudan, EAC's newest Partner State.

When the EAC Heads of State Summit approved the establishment and functioning of the EAC Panel of Eminent Persons in February 2015 to operationalize the East African Community Conflict Prevention and Management Resolution Mechanism, Amb. Kiplagat was among the first to be appointed to the Panel.

The main task of the Panel is to advise the Summit, the Council and Secretary General on issues related to the promotion and maintenance of peace, security and stability by conducting preventive diplomacy and peaceful resolution of conflicts in the Community.

Together with other EAC Eminent Persons, Amb. Kiplagat undertook preventive diplomacy missions to Burundi through participation in various roundtables dialogues and holding one on one consultation with key Burundi stakeholders.

The entire Community and I share with You, the bereaved family, and the Government and people of Kenya, the feelings of great loss at this time of deep sorrow.

**MAY THE ALMIGHTY GOD REST HIS SOUL IN ETERNAL PEACE**



**Hon. Jisca Eriyo**  
**Deputy Secretary General**  
**(Finance and Administration)**  
**For: SECRETARY GENERAL**