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CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RT HONORABLE RAILA ODINGA

I am deeply saddened by the passing of our beloved Elder and towering African statesman whose lifelong service to Kenya and to our continent was truly exceptional.

He will be remembered with deep respect and affection as a symbol of resilience, courage, and hope for millions. His steadfast pursuit of democracy, freedom, justice, and inclusion uplifted not only his nation but also inspired generations across Africa. His support for traditional leaders, and dedication to continental integration and broader socio-economic transformation will continue to echo through the dreams of a continent he so passionately served.

I hold treasured memories of our encounters over the years. Most profoundly, the eight months we closely worked together mediating between the Tanzanian Business Community and the Government under the late President John Magufuli, a period that revealed his deep commitment to socio-economic progress, peace-building, and regional cooperation. His wisdom, humility, and foresight throughout that process reaffirmed his role as an influential regional and continental mediator, always driven by a vision of unity and shared prosperity for Africa. His genuine commitment to social progress, along with his warmth, wit, and humanity, left a lasting impression on me. The time we shared remains deeply meaningful, and I shall always remember his example with great fondness.

On behalf of the United Africa Royal Assembly, I extend heartfelt condolences to Mama Ida Odinga, the Odinga family, and the people of Kenya. May they find comfort in the enduring legacy of a man who devoted his life to the service and upliftment of others. May the Almighty grant him eternal rest, and may his noble spirit continue to guide and inspire us all.

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