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The ACP Group joins the world in mourning the loss of Kofi Annan, one of the great peacemakers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and a global statesman.

His outstanding leadership was a source of great inspiration to all our 79 Member States. Our condolences go out to his family, the government and people of Ghana, for giving to the world so great a son, brother and friend to all humanity.

This son of Africa was the seventh secretary general of the United Nations and served for two terms between 1997 and 2006. He was also awarded the Nobel peace prize for the humanitarian work he carried out.

The following is a statement released by the Kofi Annan Foundation earlier this morning, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2018:

*"It is with immense sadness that the Annan family and the Kofi Annan Foundation announce that Kofi Annan, former Secretary General of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Laureate, passed away peacefully on Saturday 18th August after a short illness. His wife Nane and their children Ama, Kojo and Nina were by his side during his last days.*

*Kofi Annan was a global statesman and a deeply committed internationalist who fought throughout his life for a fairer and more peaceful world. During his distinguished career and leadership of the United Nations he was an ardent champion of peace, sustainable development, human rights and the rule of law*

*After stepping down from the United Nations, he continued to work tirelessly in the cause of peace through his chairmanship of the Kofi Annan Foundation and as chair of The Elders, the group founded by Nelson Mandela. He was an inspiration to young and old alike.*

*Kofi Annan was a son of Ghana and felt a special responsibility towards Africa. He was particularly committed to African development and deeply engaged in many initiatives, including his chairmanship of the Africa Progress Panel and his early leadership of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA).*

*Wherever there was suffering or need, he reached out and touched many people with his deep compassion and empathy. He selflessly placed others first, radiating genuine kindness, warmth and brilliance in all he did. He will be greatly missed by so many around the world, as well as his staff at the Foundation and his many former colleagues in the United Nations system. He will remain in our hearts forever.*

*The family kindly requests privacy at this time of mourning. Arrangements to celebrate his remarkable life will be announced later.”*

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