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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

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**ON THE DEMISE OF THE LATE HON. SULEIMAN DORI RAMADHANI,
MP, MEMBER FOR MSAMBWENI CONSTITUENCY**

Honourable Members, as you are already aware, the week started off on a very sad note for the National Assembly, the residents of Kwale County and indeed the nation as a whole following the demise of Hon. Suleiman Dori Ramadhani, MP. The Hon. Member passed on in the morning of yesterday, Monday, the 9th day of March, 2020, while undergoing treatment at the Aga Khan Hospital, Mombasa.

Honourable Members, the late Hon. Suleiman Dori Ramadhani was born on 19th October 1977, and attended Tudor Secondary School and later the other institutions, including the Young Men Christian Association (YMCA), Mombasa, where he was trained on Community Development.

Honourable Members, the late Hon. Suleiman Dori's parliamentary career commenced in March, 2013 following his election by the people of Msambweni Constituency, Kwale County, as their representative. Subsequently, following an active and successful first term in the 11th Parliament, the people of Msambweni again voiced their confidence in his leadership, re-electing him to this August House in August, 2017.

During his first term in Parliament, the Hon. Suleiman Dori had an illustrious career as a member of the Departmental Committee on Lands as well as the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing where he contributed immensely to the work of the two Committees.

He rejoined the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing in the current Parliament and has been serving as a vocal and dedicated Member of the Committee. He was particularly active during consideration of Bills, Petitions and Parliamentary Questions in the Committee as well as during vetting of nominees to various state and public offices. You will recall that, during the consideration of the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill, 2019 in July last year, he was very active during the debate on the amendment to the Merchant Shipping Act. **Honourable Members**, the Late Hon. Dori was also an active and influential Member of the Coast Parliamentary Group, where he was the Chairperson as well as former Deputy Organizing Secretary of the Orange Democratic Movement.

Honourable Members, the Late Hon. Suleiman Dori was committed to the economic empowerment of farmers, and strongly supported a Motion seeking the Government's financial support and relief to cushion coconut farmers in the coastal region as well as the proposed inclusion of coconut insurance under the National Agricultural Insurance Programme. He was also vocal in supporting calls for the National Government to consider giving regular honorarium to village elders as a means of appreciating their services and encouraging them to uphold their dedication to the community. As a passionate advocate for use of Kiswahili in the House and in other public institutions, the late Hon. Dori was instrumental in calling the National Council for Law Reporting to progressively translate all laws of Kenya into Kiswahili and indeed the now realized translation of our Standing Orders into Kiswahili.

Honourable Members, the late Member was very pragmatic in his approach to leadership, which was highlighted in many occasions including during debates on security issues in which he once said the following during debate in the House-

"Ni jukumu letu, kama viongozi, kuhakikisha tumelinda Wakenya. Tusije hapa kila wiki ikawa tunazungumzia mambo ambayo hayaleti mwelekeo wowote kwa Wakenya. Wakenya wametuchagua. Wakenya wana imani na viongozi na ni lazima tuwatendee kazi Wakenya wote"

Honourable Members, the Late Hon. Suleiman Dori was a dependable leader who served his constituents with utmost commitment. He was selfless, ambitious, realistic, resourceful and committed to public service. Without doubt, **Honourable Members**, the residents of Msambweni Constituency, Kwale County, this House, the entire Parliament and the nation at large have lost a vibrant, pragmatic and dedicated leader. The Member was laid to rest yesterday in Msambweni in accordance with Islamic tradition. May God rest his soul in peace.

In tribute and honour to our departed colleague the Late Hon. Suleiman Dori Ramadhani, MP, I request that we all stand to observe a minute of silence.

I thank you.



THE HON. JUSTIN B. N. MUTURI, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

