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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

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**ON THE DEMISE OF THE HON. JACOB OULANYA, MP, SPEAKER OF THE
PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

Honourable Members,

As you are already aware, the week started off on a very sad note for the East African Region, the great people of the Republic of Uganda and the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda, following the demise of the Hon. Jacob Oulanya, MP, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda. The Honourable Speaker passed on, on Sunday 20th March 2022, while undergoing treatment in Seattle, USA.

Honourable Members, Hon. Oulanyah was born on March 23, 1965 at Omoro County in Gulu District of Northern Uganda. He was elected Member of Parliament in 2001 and in the same year, he was appointed to the Parliamentary Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, responsible for the budgets and administration of all constitutional bodies, the Ministry of Justice and the Judiciary. In 2004, He was elected unopposed to be the Chairman of said Committee and in the two years that followed, he handled the most delicate period of the political history of Uganda; the constitutional review and political transition which was

under his guardianship as chairman of the Committee in which capacity he was responsible for the whole process.

The political transition involved steering the referendum legislation and a Constitutional Referendum Motion that paved the way for the 2005 Referendum for Changing the Political System in Uganda.

Honourable Members, In 2011, the Hon. Oulanyah was re-elected as a Member of Parliament for Omoro County, and in the same year, he was elected Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda and appointed Head of the Uganda Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (JPA). He also served as a Member of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in 2001. In 2016, the Hon. Oulanyah was re-elected as a Member of Parliament for Omoro County, and also re-elected as Deputy Speaker.

Honourable Members, on 24th May 2021, the late Honourable Jacob Oulanyah was voted **Speaker of Parliament of the Republic of Uganda**. He served in that capacity until his demise.

Without a doubt, **Honourable Members,** the great people of Uganda, the entire Parliament of Uganda, the Nation and East Africa Community at large have lost a vibrant, pragmatic and dedicated leader. May God rest his soul in peace.

Honourable Members, in tribute and honour to our departed brother and Colleague, the Honourable Jacob Oulanya, I request that we all stand to observe a moment of silence.

(After Members have paid tribute to the late Speaker)

Honourable Members, I wish to thank you for your glowing tributes in honour of **Honourable Jacob OULANYA, Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda**. I have already conveyed our thoughts and prayers to the Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Republic of Uganda, the **Rt. Hon. Anita Annet Among, MP**, following the loss of this true Statesman who was immensely dedicated and committed to the cause of his people.

I thank you!



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

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

