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RELAYING OF CONDOLENCE MESSAGES FROM THE SPEAKERS OF THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND THE TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

Honourable Members,

- 1. I wish to inform the House that I am in receipt of communications from the Rt. Hon. Joseph Ntakirutimana, Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly, and the Rt. Hon. Jemma Nunu Kumba, Speaker of the Transitional National Legislative Assembly of the Republic of South Sudan. These messages convey deepest condolences on the sudden passing, on 15th October 2025, of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, CGH, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya.
- 2. In his tribute, the Rt. Hon. Ntakirutimana extolled the late Rt. Hon. Odinga as a firebrand statesman and architect of Kenya's multi-party democracy. He hailed him as an unflinching pan-Africanist who decried neo-colonial vestiges, championed continental self-reliance, and advanced regional integration—most tangibly through the arteries of infrastructure that bind our nations.

- **3.** To honour this indelible legacy, the East African Legislative Assembly held a Special Sitting on Thursday, 16th October 2025. The proceedings, a moving testament to the Rt. Hon. Odinga's lifelong service to the East African Community and the broader continent, have been transmitted to my office for the House's records.
- **4.** From Juba, the Rt. Hon. Jemma Nunu Kumba lauded the departed leader's life of sacrifice, courage, and unyielding devotion to Kenya's democratic renewal. She acclaimed his stewardship in governance, justice, and inclusion as the bedrock upon which Kenya's vibrant democracy now stands.
- 5. Honourable Members, on behalf of the House and on my own behalf, I wish to extend our gratitude to the East African Legislative Assembly and the Transitional National Legislative Assembly of the Republic of South Sudan for their solidarity with our Parliament and the people of Kenya in this hour of national mourning and reflection.

I thank you.

THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 5th November 2025