TRIBUTE TO THE LATE KOFI ANNAN

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We at the Organisation of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) are deeply saddened with the passing on of a true Global Statesman, a great gem, an illustrious son of Africa who distinguished himself as a man of integrity and an epitome of Peace. Born in April 8, 1938, and died in August 18, 2018, lived a life worthy of emulation.

His Excellency, Mr. Kofi Annan who was the Seventh Secretary General of the United Nations from January 1997 to December 2006, a position unequivocally can be compared to nothing in terms of highly placed hierarchical position in the world was a pride to Africa. On record, he was the second from Africa to occupy this exalted position.

While in office, he displayed such quality, enviable strong character and will within the difficult times of the moments that earned him and his Organisation the award of a Nobel Peace Prize in 2001.

We at OATUU associate with his attributes of display of humility, true democrat, discipline, transparency, good statesmanship, Human Rights Activist and collective leadership style. We equally associate with his views about issues where in some of his quotes, he clearly stated the obvious about the society and humanity. Such of his quotes we beg to highlight.

He once said: ‘we may have different religions, different coloured skin, but we all belong to one human race.’

‘To live is to choose. But to choose well you must know who you are and what you stand for, where you want to go and why you want to get there.’

We commiserate with the people of Africa, Ghana, his family and the world at large. We advocate for the Immortalisation of his person.

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