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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Sam Kahamba Kutesa,  
President of the 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly,  
at the Tribute to His Majesty, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud  
of Saudi Arabia**

**Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I will now deliver a statement on behalf of H.E. Sam K. Kutesa, President of the General Assembly on the passing of King of Saudi Arabia, His Majesty King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.

**Esteemed Colleagues,**

It is with profound respect that I pay tribute to King Abdullah, who passed away earlier this month.

The King leaves behind an important legacy through his major contributions to the development of the Kingdom, the Arab region and indeed, the entire world.

King Abdullah's leadership and vision at home led to key advancements in many important areas. His efforts helped ensure his nation enjoyed strong international engagement and partnership.

Under his leadership, Saudi Arabia also became an important contributor on humanitarian issues, helping to improve the lives of people around the world.

The King's efforts to promote dialogue, harmony and peace will long be remembered. In particular, he took bold steps to advance the Arab Peace Initiative in the search for a lasting peace in the region.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the bereaved family, the Government and the people of Saudi Arabia.

May God grant King Abdullah's soul peace.