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Dear Friends,

As you may know, our dear friend and mentor Ambassador Daudi Mwakawago has passed away and is now resting in peace.

He lived each and every day of his life to the fullest. In recent years, the Ambassador would proudly say, "While I'm retired, I'm not tired."

He loved his country; he loved Africa; and he loved humanity. Ambassador Mwakawago worked hard, never complained and was an amazing diplomat with a natural gift of unending patience.

He loved his family, his children and he loved his beloved wife and now widow, Mrs. Daisy Mwakawago.

He was a sensitive individual and expected the best from everyone. The Ambassador demanded respect and reciprocated with love. He was a gentle giant.

What I admired most about Ambassador Mwakawago was his honesty. He was a humble individual who believed in the founding principals on which Julius Nyerere founded his country, and he adapted and grew with the world as the world has grown from all that Tanzania has to offer.

The Ambassador was a man of faith, a believer, a Muslim who respected every form of life, not based on religion, but based on tolerance. He avoided cynics and he believed in life.

He was a man of words. But also a man of action! A man of honor.

He was an optimist despite all that he has seen, all that he has been through and experienced at the U.N., around Africa and around the world.

So let his inspiration live on in all of us who have been touched by him and let us open our hearts to find a special place for the memory of Ambassador Daudi Mwakawago.

In the words of our beloved friend: "Together we can make a difference."

With deepest sympathies,

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