



## STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU

I salute the memory of Archbishop Desmond TUTU, who left the world stage on Sunday 26 December 2021.

During his 90 years of life, he played a leading role in the struggle to overthrow the apartheid regime and build a new democratic and non-racial South Africa. His life of struggle was also a life of courage. The courage to denounce tirelessly and fearlessly inequalities and injustices, whether they were the result of the white minority's segregationist policies under apartheid or of successive African National Congress governments after 1994. Desmond TUTU was equally vehement in his criticism of the complicity and hypocrisy of Western governments and their multinational corporations in the perpetuation of white domination.

Once apartheid was defeated, he was, alongside Nelson Mandela, one of the driving forces behind the building of the Rainbow Nation, notably through the policy of reaching out to former perpetrators and, above all, through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission which he intelligently chaired from 1996 to 1998, and which has inspired several countries on different continents. The work of this Commission contributed significantly to oxygenating South Africa and to laying the foundations for a new stage in the life of the country, based on reconciliation through truth.

A man of faith, Desmond TUTU was always driven by hope, which is, in his own words, the ability to see the light above all of darkness.

I offer my deepest condolences and those of the Cameroon Renaissance Movement to his bereaved family, to South Africa and to all freedom and dignity fighters who have lost a role model in him.

Yaoundé, 27 December 2021  
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