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STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF AHA AMBASSADOR NICOLAS BWAKIRA

It is with great sadness that the AHA family has learned of the passing of Ambassador Nicolas Bwakira. Ambassador Bwakira was a member of AHA's international Board of Trustees since its inception in 1994, offering his counsel tirelessly up until his formal retirement from the board at AHA's 25th Anniversary in 2019. Since his retirement from his role as Trustee, Mr. Bwakira had graciously agreed to serve as "AHA Ambassador", offering his invaluable experience, time and support to promote AHA's mission.

Ambassador Bwakira was a thoughtful and meticulous person, a humanitarian at heart and an ardent pan Africanist. His voice and committed support for African NGOs, as a critical component in the humanitarian sector will be greatly missed.

During AHA's 25th Anniversary markings held in Kigali, Rwanda in 2019, Ambassador Bwakira delivered the event's closing remarks, highlighting the role of African NGOs and the need for strengthened solidarity and collaboration between all stakeholders to find durable solutions to forced displacement in Africa.

Ambassador Bwakira's passing is a personal loss to all of us who knew him and cherished his friendship, professionalism and mentorship. On behalf of Trustees, AHA Ambassadors, management and staff, AHA offers its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

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President