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The Secretary General of the Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (I.A.O.), Member of the Hellenic Parliament Dr Maximos Charakopoulos sent a message of Condolences to the Panafrican Parliament and the Anglican Church of Southern Africa on the passing of the Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop of the Anglican Church Desmond Tutu, noting:

"*The Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy expresses its grief over the death of Desmond Tutu, the emblematic Archbishop of the Anglican Church who has fought throughout his life on Human Rights and equality with unique vigor.*
The Archbishop raised a stern voice against the reprehensible racist regime of apartheid in South Africa and worked bravely to eradicate it. He always stood by those who have suffered from racial discrimination, and has strongly supported anti-apartheid activists who have been subjected to repressive measures.
A human voice of significant values and morality constituted a source of strength and hope for the people of South Africa in the dark times. But, even after the elimination of apartheid, Desmond Tutu did not stop criticizing, until the end of his turbulent life, phenomena of corruption, new forms of inequalities and human rights violations, always defending the weak.
His bright personality will continue to shine not only among his compatriots but all over the world, remaining an indelible example of offering to fellow human being and respecting the life of every person, as taught by the Word of Christ, whose Birth we celebrate these days".

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