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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Didier Operti,
President of the 53rd Session of the General Assembly,
on the death of His Majesty, King Hussein of Jordan**

I was deeply aggrieved by the sad news of the passing of His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan, a tireless leader in the search for peace and stability in the Middle East and the statesman of enormous stature and respect. My heartfelt condolences go to the members of His Majesty's family and to the people of Jordan.