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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft,
President of the 70th Session of the General Assembly,
on the death of former PGA John Ashe**

The President of the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly Mogens Lykketoft expressed his sincere condolences to the widow, family, friends and colleagues of the former Antigua and Barbudan diplomat John Ashe, who died on Wednesday.

Mr Ashe was the President of the General Assembly for its 68th session and had since October 2015 been facing criminal charges in the United States courts related to his term as President.

“Despite the many as yet unproven accusations made against him, Mr Ashe was for many years a hard-working and popular member of the diplomatic corps in New York and at the United Nations,” said Mr Lykketoft.. “I know that his death will come as sad news to the many professional friends and colleagues he made during his time here.

“We wish his wife, family and friends well as they come to terms with his sudden death.”