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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri,
President of the 55th Session of the General Assembly,
on the death of H.E. Mr. Ionatana Ionatana, Prime Minister of
Tuvalu**

The President of the General Assembly learned today with great sorrow about the untimely death on 8 December of the Prime Minister of Tuvalu, H.E. Mr. Ionatana Ionatana.

The President met Prime Minister Ionatana when he addressed the General Assembly on 5th September 2000 on the occasion of Tuvalu being admitted as the 189th Member State of the United Nations.

On behalf of the General Assembly, the President expresses his condolences to the government and people of Tuvalu and to the bereaved family.