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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri,
President of the 55th Session of the General Assembly,
on the death of President Laurent-Desire Kabila of the Democratic
Republic of the Congo**

Today, the United Nations flag is at half-mast in honour of President Laurent-Desire Kabila of the Democratic Republic of the Congo who was killed last week. I appeal to all parties not to let his sudden death deter efforts to find a peaceful solution to the conflict in that country and region.