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Dear Ms. Kanem,

It was with tremendous sadness that we learned of the passing of Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the United Nation Population Fund, on 4 June 2017.

On behalf of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and in my own personal capacity, I wish to convey our condolences and sympathies to his family and our colleagues at UNFPA. The United Nations family has lost a true statesman.

Dr. Osotimehin was an inspirational leader and champion of human rights, health and equality. His advocacy for the rights and needs of women and girls, especially those in developing countries, improved the lives of so many and will not be forgotten.

I strongly believe that Dr. Osotimehin's legacy will continue through the important and vital work that UNFPA undertakes.

Our thoughts are with you and his family during this time of sorrow.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shamshad Akhtar', with a horizontal line underneath.

Shamshad Akhtar

Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
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