

SALUTATIONS FROM THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF ARUSHA,
HON. JOHN V. MONGELLA DURING THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE
77TH SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION OF HUMAN AND
PEOPLES' RIGHTS AT THE ARUSHA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
CENTRE, SIMBA HALL ON THE 9TH OF NOVEMBER, 2023

Hon. Prof. Remy Lungu Ngoy, Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights;

Hon. Harusi Said Suleiman (MHR), Minister of States, Office of the First Vice President;

Hon. Riziki Pembe Juma (MHR), Minister of Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children;

Hon. Commissioners of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Right;

Hon. Ministers and Ambassadors from AU;

Hon. Ambassadors from different countries and Members of Diplomatic Core and Heads of International Organizations;

Hon. Dr. Joseph Kizito Mhagama (Mb), Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Administration, Constitution and Legal Affairs.

Hon. Members of Parliament present;

Hon. Retired Judge Mathew Mwaimu; Chairperson of the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance of the United Republic of Tanzania;

Permanent Secretaries;

Heads of Government Institutions;

Representative from NGOs and CSOs;

Representative from Development Partners;

Hon. Councilors;

Hon Religious Leaders;

Hon. Traditional Leaders;

Members of the Media;

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Hon. Guest of Honour,

I would like to start by thanking Almighty God for his blessings and mercy and in enabling us to all meet here in good health on this important day.

I understand that there are many of you who travelled great distance to participate in the 77th Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and specifically for this closing session. I welcome you all to our beautiful city of Arusha.

I convey my personal greetings as the Regional Commissioner of the Arusha to the Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and

Peoples' Rights, Hon Prof Remy Lungu Ngoy and the Commission for the cooperation you have given us since the preparations of this important meeting until reaching this state of finality. I have learned a lot from the deliberations and I believe we have all benefited greatly from the discussion which have taken place here during the course of the 77th Session.

Hon. Guest of Honour,

I want to thank our security personnel who have ensured peace and security throughout the session as well as the people of Arusha for their tradition of welcoming guests and being hospitable. I also thank the Secretariat of the Commission for its good work as well as national and international media for effectively transmitting this important occasion in Arusha. I believe the population has understood and appreciated the importance of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and we shall continue the good relationship that we have established with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Also, the success of the 77th Session of the Commission is attributed to Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania for understanding the importance of the work of the Commission and saying yes to having the 77th Session in Tanzania and specifically the region of Arusha. This is a big honour for us in Arusha and it is reflective of the Governments commitment to promote and protect human and peoples; rights.

Hon. Guest of Honour,

It is my firm belief that the objectives of the 77th Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights have been met and I wish you all safe travels to your various destinations and you are all warmly welcome back to beautiful Arusha.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.