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The East African Legislative Assembly met at 3.05 p.m. in the EAC Chamber, Arusha, Tanzania

PRAYER

(The Speaker in the Chair)

(The Assembly was called to order)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker: Hon. Colleagues, Good afternoon. We last met virtually on 30th April 2024. I, therefore, take the opportunity to welcome you back to the House and to our home, Arusha. The approved programme for this meeting has been circulated to you all. I appeal to all committees to ensure that they finalize all business before them and report to Plenary as per the programme.

I undertook the following missions on behalf of the Assembly:

- i. Represented EALA at the 6th CASSOA Symposium held from 15th to 16th May, 2024 in Zanzibar, under the theme: The Future of Aviation: Maintaining resilient, sustainable, innovative, safe and

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secure aviation systems”. While there, I raised the issue of high costing air tickets within the EAC region.

- ii. Attended the 2024/2025 Budget Session for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation on 28th May 2024 in Dodoma, Tanzania;
- iii. Held the 17th Meeting of the Bureau of EAC Speakers on 29th May 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya; along the sidelines, I also represented EALA at the National Prayer Breakfast organized by the Parliament of Kenya on 30th May, 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya;
- iv. Represented the EALA at the swearing in ceremony for the new Secretary General on 7th June 2024 in Juba, South Sudan;

Hon. Members, as it is, we are having this Special Sitting in honour of our departed colleague the late Hon. Dr. Shogo Mlozi Sedoyeka, who was laid to rest on Monday 17th June 2024. Our sitting today is to celebrate her. I have used the occasion to invite her family members led by the husband and children, together with the management of the Institute of Accountancy in Arusha, where the husband is the manager. We have also invited the National Parliament of Tanzania led by the Chairperson of Committee on Foreign Affairs Defense and Security. We have also invited the Secretary General of the ruling Party (CCM), her Party of belonging. We have also invited the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation (in charge of EAC Affairs); the Chief Executive Officer of the National College of Tourism where she worked as CEO; the Vice Chancellor of the Open University of Tanzania where she served as Head of Department and other dignitaries, present.

Let me begin by recognizing the family of the late Hon. Dr. Shogo Mlozi Sedoyeka. I invite the husband and children for the members to recognize them.

(The family members of the late Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi Sedoyeka rose)

(Applause)

The Speaker: I invite Hon. Steven Mbundi, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation (in charge of EAC Affairs) to stand up and be recognized.

(Hon. Amb. Steven Mbundi rose.)

(Applause)

I now invite Hon. Vita Rashid Kawawa, the Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs Defense and Security in the Parliament of Tanzania to stand up and be recognized.

(Hon. Vita Rashid Kawawa rose)

(Applause)

I invite the management of the Institute of Accountancy in Arusha to stand up and be recognized.

(The management of the Institute of Accountancy rose)

(Applause)

I also invite Mama, Mwalimu Queen Mlozi, the mother to the late Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi Sedoyeka

(Mama Mwalimu Queen Mlozi rose)

(Applause)

Hon. Members, may we stand up for a moment of silence in her recognition!

(Members of the Assembly rose and observed a moment of silence)

The Speaker: May her soul continue to rest in peace.

I invite all the visitors in the Gallery that I did not recognize to stand up and be recognized.

(Visitors in the gallery rose)

(Applause)

**MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE
LATE HON. DR SHOGO RICHARD MLOZI SEDOYEKA**

3.18

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Hon. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I stand to move a Motion for a Resolution of the Assembly Paying Tribute to the late Honourable Dr. Shogo Richard Mlozi.

I beg to move.

The Speaker: Do you have seconders?

*(Seconded by Hon. David Sankok, Hon. Amb. Fatuma Ndangiza,
Hon. Mary Mugenyi and Hon. Francine Rutazana)*

The whole House is in support. Hon. Siranda, you can justify your motion.

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Hon. Speaker, I stand here with a very heavy heart but it is important that we do this in memory of the late Hon. Dr. Shogo Mlozi. Mr Speaker, I appreciate that within your wisdom, you have decided that we set aside this special day to pay tribute to our loving sister, the late Hon. Dr Shogo. This Motion is moved under Articles 49 and 59(1) of the Treaty and Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

“WHEREAS the late Hon. Dr Shogo Richard Mlozi joined this Assembly in December 2022 as one of the nine Members elected by the National Assembly of Tanzania to represent the United Republic of Tanzania for five years in the Fifth Assembly from 2022 until 2027;

AND WHEREAS upon commencement of the Fifth Assembly and due to the vast knowledge, experience, skills and passion that Hon. Dr Shogo Richard Mlozi had in tourism, she became a

member of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Tourism and the Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution;

SADDENED by the death of Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi which occurred on Thursday 13th June 2024 here in Arusha;

RECOGNISING that the Assembly greatly benefitted from the resourcefulness of Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi built through a distinguished career of exemplary service in research and teaching in the tourism and hospitality sector culminating in her appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the National College of Tourism in 2017 until 2022 when she joined the EALA;

APPRECIATING the contribution of Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi to training and nurturing talent through her outstanding achievements in academia and in the political arena and her patriotism and passion in promoting socio-economic growth and development among the youth through developmental initiatives to bolster youth engagement and foster deeper integration within the East African Community which she championed through her Fungua Trust Organization;

FURTHER APPRECIATING Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi for her role in engaging and empowering the youth with comprehensive insights into the EAC integration process and providing avenues for active youth participation in the EAC economy;

REMEMBERING with pride and gratitude her love for integration and her passion for research and everything to do with tourism which was evident throughout her interactions with Members, staff and stakeholders;

RECALLING the commitment of Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi to the work of the Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution, the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources and this Assembly and to the service of the people of East Africa;

GRATEFUL to the Parliament of Tanzania and the people of the United Republic of Tanzania for sending and electing Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi to the Assembly to make the enormous and invaluable contribution that she made to the East African Community until her untimely demise on 13th June 2024;

COGNISANT of the provisions of Article 49 (2) (d) of the Treaty, which empowers the Assembly to discuss any matter pertaining to the Community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly as follows:

That in accordance with Article 49 of the Treaty, the Assembly:

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- (a) *Recognises the service of the late Hon. Dr Shogo Richard Mlozi to the United Republic of Tanzania, this Assembly and the East African Community.*
- (b) *Is grateful to the late Hon. Dr Shogo Richard Mlozi for her dedication and service as a member of the Assembly from December 2022 until her untimely demise on 13th June 2024.*
- (c) *Pays tribute to the late Hon. Dr Shogo Richard Mlozi and commiserates with the family of Hon. Dr Shogo Richard Mlozi, the people and Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Chama Cha Mapinduzi political party upon the passing of the Hon. Dr Shogo Richard Mlozi Sedoyeka.”*

Mr Speaker, this Motion is moved by me, Hon. Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda and Seconded by Hon Dr. Abdullah Hasnuu Makame.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dr Siranda.

Dr Siranda: Mr Speaker, allow me to say a few things. As you may be aware, I am the Chairperson of the Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution, where the late Hon. Dr Shogo Richard Mlozi Sedoyeka heartily served. I am known as a ‘leader of opposition’ in this House because of the side I sit in this House. There is no Opposition in this House but I continue carrying that title to oppose for the good. The late Hon Dr. Shogo did not resist coming and sitting on that side. The late Dr. Shogo always sat next to Hon. Gedion Gatpan. Whenever I was late to come to the House, the late Dr. Shogo would call me to ask, ‘Where are you? *Mbona kiti yako haina mtu*’ Mr Speaker, before we issued out any programme or report, the late Dr. Shogo Richards Molozi would have an input. She would check everything right from grammar to the points raised in the report. The late Dr Shogo always took it upon herself to ensure that we produced good work. That is the kind of person I stand here to pay tribute to.

The late Hon. Dr. Shogo Richard Mlozi Sedoyeka sponsored Motions with me. That is why I say her loss is personal to me. I would come up with a Motion without talking to her beforehand. I would just appoint her to second the Motion. Whenever she asked me, “*Mheshimiwa, mbona haukuniongelesha?*” I would respond, “Look at the content.” Every time that she appreciated the content, she seconded the Motion.

I remember the late Hon. Dr. Shogo Richard Mlozi Sedoyeka and I co-sponsored the Motion where the three founding EAC partner states; Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania won a bid to host the next Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON). I am so saddened that she is not going to be here to witness the historical event when the EAC will be hosting the AFCON. I know the late Hon. Dr Shogo enriched that Motion. I have highlighted the issue of sports and employment. She brought in the content of improved economy for the three countries in the EAC in terms of tourisms. She noted that the delegates that would travel from all over Africa would benefit from our tourism sector. She enriched that Motion urging the partner states to improve the tourism sector, the road network.

She also observed that the other partner states in the EAC would also benefit by extension. Mr Speaker that is the kind of person that I stand to pay tribute to.

The late Hon. Dr Shogo Richard Mlozi Sedoyeka was in this House for about one and half years but her contributions resemble those of a senior Member who has been here for so many years. She had mastered everything around this assembly. The Hon. Dr Shogo Richard Mlozi Sedoyeka and I also sponsored the Motion on the rationalization of the utilization resources of the EAC. She stood and seconded that this Assembly needed autonomy and rationalization of the resources of the Community in making sure that we get the young people and women when drawing the budget that is gender responsive.

When we considered last year's budget, the late Hon. Dr. Shogo Richard Mlozi Sedoyeka stood her ground and asked that we make sure we have a gender responsive budget. She posed, "How do we address women issues without budgeting for them?" I remember when we had the last plenary session in Nairobi, when considering the motion on women and girls, the late Dr. Shogo was heavily pregnant and could hardly stand up to speak but she stood up and served this Committee.

Mr Speaker, I stand here saddened but happy to celebrate the life of our sister. Very few people would spend the short time that she did in this House but make a great impact with her kind of expertise for people to accept to come in politics. I have also learnt from the late Dr Shogo that when you have an opportunity to love a person, you should not wait for a minute longer. When you have an opportunity to serve your community, do not wait for even a minute. You would be waiting got tomorrow and fail to have an opportunity because you would either have no life.

I learnt from the late Hon. Dr. Shogo Richard Mlozi Sedoyeka that knowing yourself, doing good and accepting to be a change maker makes a lot of impact. It is not about your background by the kind of opportunity to have to serve. I stand here today to pay tribute to my sister and a dependable committee member. Every time I looked at her, I would know that work is going to be done.

I appreciate you all, honourable colleagues, for allowing me to be the one to speak about the Hon. Dr Shogo Richard Mlozi Sedoyeka. She was our colleague but I believe that she was more than just that to me in terms of being a leader. When you are a leader, you lead people of different caliber. I appreciate that Hon Dr Shogo would fit in every situation for us to produce quality work. Mr Speaker, I request this House to find an initiative so that we do work in line with the passion of the late Hon. Dr. Shogo Richard Mlozi Sedoyeka. We should carry out an activity relating to her passion. We should visit a centre of tourism, her initiative of children or invite her Fungua Trust. We should ensure that the work she did does not die because she is gone.

Mr Speaker, it is very difficult for me but I beg to move the Motion that we pay tribute to our dear fallen colleague. We shall continue to remember her and the seat that she always occupied. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon Dr Siranda Blacks for justifying your Motion. Before we continue, allow me to acknowledge other guests. Hon. Members, I wish to recognize the presence in the Gallery of the representatives from the African-European Parliamentary Initiative (AEPI), from Amsterdam who are here on the engagement for future collaboration with EALA. We have two guests; Marian Verweij and Bodil Bottero, who came from Amsterdam. Please stand up to be recognized. *(Applause)* We also have staff from the Parliament of Uganda, led by Mr Olichó. Please stand up for recognition. *(Applause)* We also have the vice chancellor of the Open University of Tanzania, Mr Elifas Tozo Bisanda. *(Applause)*

The Speaker: Honourable members, it is now time for me to propose the question on the Motion that we have on the Floor.

(Question proposed and agreed to)

The debate is open. We shall start with the contribution from Hon Dr Makame, who seconded this motion.

3.39

Dr Abdullah Hasnuu Makame (Tanzania): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker for giving me the opportunity to add my voice on this motion for a resolution of the Assembly to pay tribute to the late Honourable Dr Shogo Richard Mlozi Sedoyeka.

Allow me at the onset to thank you personally, Mr Speaker, for being compassionate with us during this period of trial. I also take the opportunity to thank my brother. Hon Dr Gerald Blacks, for moving this motion in the House. He is the chairperson of the Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution Standing Committee of the Assembly. Allow me to thank my colleagues, the entire House; because I was the one who seconded the motion on paper but by action, you can see the entire membership of the House stood up to second the motion when it was moved

Mr Speaker, we are all touched because our colleague was with us here. Her sunset came too early. I come from the same chapter as the late Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi, the chapter of the United Republic of Tanzania. The mover of the Motion stated that nine members come from each chapter, but we are now eight because our chapter has been affected. For that particular reason, allow me to thank the delegations from the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and from the Parliament of Tanzania. Member of Parliament that is here with use today from the Parliament of Tanzania, Hon Vita Kawawa, is also a member of the ruling party as the late Dr. Shogo. Hon. Kawawa is

also the chairperson of the Standing Committee of Parliament of Tanzania in charge of foreign affairs and security, which also oversees the issues of East African Community integration.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to call the House to give another round of applause to our chairperson, Hon. Kawawa. (*Applause*)

Mr Speaker, as I said, when we were in Endasaki for the burial, I was there to condole with my brother, Prof. Sedoyeka. The late Hon Dr. Shogo was a colleague and a sister-in-law. I worked with Dr Shogo's husband at the Institute of Finance Management before also he moved to the Ariusha Institute of Accountancy. He went through many corners, as I did. Prof. Eliamani Sodeyeka, kindly stand to be recognized. (*Applause*)

Mr Speaker, I also recognize the son of the late Hon Dr Shogo, Rayan as well as her two daughters, Unnida and Ulindan. (*Applause*) I am mentioning them by their names so that they go in our Hansard record. *Asante*. I would also like to acknowledge Mama Queen Mlozi and the brother to the late Dr Shogo Mlozi. (*Applause*)

Mr Speaker, the late Hon. Dr Shogo was a member of the Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution Committee as my brother, Hon Gerald Siranda Blacks, who is the chairperson of that Committee, has mentioned. The late Hon Dr Shogo also belongs to the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Tourism, which is chaired by the Hon Francois Mukiza. I believe she will have a word to say at some point, because she seconded the motion.

I happen to also be a member of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Tourism, with her, and we worked closely together on issues of agriculture, natural resources, environment and tourism. The submissions by my brother, Hon Dr Gerald Siranda, reflect what she did in our committee, where she served as the chairperson of the Subcommittee on Tourism. The late Dr Shogo Mlozi had a passion in the tourism sector, as it has been stated in the motion by the Hon Gerald Siranda Blacks.

The late Dr Shogo was an alumnus of Open University of Tanzania. We are honoured here with the presence of the Vice Chancellor himself of the Open University of Tanzania, Prof Elifas Bisanda. I spoke to the Vice Chancellor out there before the sitting began and he testified that upon the return of the late Dr Shogo Mlozi from China, she assumed the position of the head of Department of tourism and hospitality at the Open University of Tanzania. The Open University of Tanzania is one of the largest universities in the in the land because it has a very high number of students. Actually, it has the highest number of students in the country because it is an open university with campuses all over the country.

The late Hon Dr Shogo Molozi was very fortunate to be the head of the hospitality and tourism department, but that did not mean that she was there by chance. She was there because she deserved

to be there. She had something to contribute. After serving at the Open University, The nation has its college of tourism; it is the centre of excellence for tourism. The country needed service of someone who is dedicated and committed and can make a difference. Upon conducting a headhunting exercise, they identified the late Dr. Shogo, and she became the CEO of the National College of Tourism; an institution she ran for five years.

Mr Speaker, we were together at the burial where testimonies were given. We were told that even in private meetings, when some of our superiors from the ministry visited the college, they wanted to identify progress and whether there are any issues in the college. Privately, the members of staff would give positive information and feedback to the superiors from the ministry. That means that the late Dr. Shogo really served and she played her part while there.

The late Dr Shogo came to run for the EALA elections in 2022. During the campaigns we used to, meet and compare notes, along the campaign trail. She did a very good campaign that made her come to the to the Fifth EALA. We were inaugurated together in December 2022. As much as she was a member of the two committees that I mentioned, and a member of the subcommittee on tourism, she also sat as an executive member of the Women Caucus.

As you know, I am a member of the Women Caucus by association - (*Applause*)- and the Secretary General can, attest to that. The Chairperson of the Women Caucus, Hon Dr Itto, can also attest to that. The late Hon Dr Shogo was a fellow member of the Women Caucus because I am an advocate of the “He for She.”

Mr Speaker, in the early days of June, we were proud when we received positive news that our late sister, our colleague and her family were gifted with two new lives of twins, baby boys adding to her existing three children, making it a total of five. We were very happy with that information. We are still happy because there is a lot of hope for this House and the family, because the children she left behind will also be part of the token she left with us. We have to look after them because we will be remembering her through them.

Mr Speaker, I can see you are switching on the light to signify that my time is up. Kindly allow me to conclude very quickly. I would like us to remind each other that life has three pages. Life is a book of three pages. The first page is known as when you are born and the second page is known; that is, when your life ends. The second page is the one. You write the second. The third is your end story. The content comes in your second page and that is what you do when you write. You write your own story.

Our sister, the late Dr Shogo Mlozi, whose life we are celebrating today, wrote a very good story. She has spent a few years on earth and a shorter time than all of us here in this Assembly. However, she has done something that we will forever remember her in a very positive way. All of us, we

should endeavour and commit to write a positive story for ourselves. When we attended her burial at Endasaki, the clergy person talked about leaving behind a positive mark and the late Dr. Shogo did that.

We saw the love of the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi for children and for other members. The mover of the motion talked about love here. Mr. Speaker, you know, I like to quote in the books. Since most of the members here are Christian, I would like to refer us to the Bible. There are a few Muslims and others like Hon Sankok whose religion is not known. *(Laughter)*

Mr Speaker, the greatest command of God in Christianity is love. You should love your God with all your heart, with your entire mind, with all your strength, with all your soul. That is Mark 12:30-31. The second commandment is “Love your neighbour as you love yourself.” That is also reflected in the famous story of the Good Samaritan. The late Dr Shogo loved God and people. That is in line with what we heard in the testimonies of her dedication to children. That is also in line with another line in the Bible, 1st John 4:7-8, which says, “My friends, let us love each other, for we are born from God, and God is love. Whoever loves, knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God.”

Having said that, human beings have to be humble. No one could ever have expected the late Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi to go so soon. When we had the Plenary sitting in Nairobi, we were expecting to have children. No one would have ever expected the turn of events. Anything can happen to anyone at any time. Let us just embrace humility. Let us be humane, love each other and care for each other. We should know that our time on earth is finite.

Mr Speaker, allow me to end by quoting the last verse from Job 1:21, which says, “The Lord has giveth, and the Lord has taketh away.” Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: Thank you, Dr Makame. Honourable members, I wish I could not limit our speeches because this moment is emotional. However, we should remember that the late Hon Dr Shogo was our friend and we loved her. Every member here would like to say something. Those who will be given an opportunity to give their tributes, please be mindful of others. I propose that each person should take two minutes so as to allow as many people as possible to speak.

Hon Members: Three Minutes.

The Speaker: Three minutes is maximum. The clerk here is taking the list of Members who are interested in giving their tributes. Let us start with the chairperson of the Agriculture, Natural Resources and Tourism committee where the late Dr Shogo was a member. The chairperson of our sports committee, Hon Kanini Kega, will follow because Dr Shogo was the captain of the basketball team. Thereafter, the Chairperson of Women Caucus will also speak because the late

Dr Shogo was a member. After those three, I will consider the list that will be given to me by the clerk. Proceed, Hon. Françoise Uwumukiza.

3.59

Ms Françoise Uwumukiza (Rwanda): Mr Speaker, I thank you for giving me the Floor. It is sad that we have lost a heroine. I have to refer to her as such because it is very important. The late Dr Shogo Mlozi Sedoyeka was my best friend. As the chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources, I will just focus on her beautiful personality. As you can see her smile on the photos. She had a beautiful soul. She was clever, intelligent, and a powerful woman leader. We knew her because of her proactivity. She was hard working in the Assembly. She was so passionate about pushing the agenda of integration forward through her subcommittee on tourism. She chaired the subcommittee on tourism because our committee had introduced an initiative to have subcommittees. She led the subcommittee on Agriculture and Wildlife Management, and she did it well. We will miss her always.

I am just looking at the picture there, and I feel as if we are together. When I came to the precincts of the Assembly this morning, I could not hold my tears. However, I realize that tears are useless. What we need to do is to emulate her good work. What I want to bring here before this august House is that the late Hon Dr Shogo is a leader we knew as the CEO. She was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Fungua Trust because that was her passion. She invited us, the EALA Women Caucus on 7th March 2023 to celebrate the International Women's Day. The chairperson of the Women Caucus will talk about that. I am not going to talk much about it.

After that interaction on the International Women's Day 2023, I knew that we have a hard-working woman, who would push this agenda through her strength and kindness. The late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi was so generous. She sponsored the Assembly on 23rd June 2023 through the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources to visit the Ngorongoro Conservation Area where we met with the conservative authorities. It was a high-level visit by the EALA MPs. This activity is memorable because the outcome generated a request that I am going to put before you and the Assembly. We had agreed to scale up the activity region wide so that we can visit the other conservation areas that are in all the other partner states to see how we can safeguard them and how citizens can take advantage of wildlife management and see what is in the conservation areas. That is a request that I would like this Assembly to take up as a memory for the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi.

Mr Speaker, I am not going to talk about the late Dr Shogo Mlozi's wisdom, humor or inspiring personality because all those things will be mentioned by the other members. As the chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources, I urge us to take up something that we can do to continue to pay tribute in practice. The second thing that I would like us to take

up is tree planting. I request this House to plant a tree in memory of the late Hon. Shogo Mlozi in this vicinity.

Last, but not least, a memory book can be generated from the Hansard of this august House. The immediate family is here with us today. However, the memory book can serve as a remembrance to the other members of the family that are not here with us. We can keep the memory by printing the Hansard so that they can read all that we will talk about today. We can keep a copy of the Hansard here at the EAC and give the family a copy, so that we can continue to keep her memory alive.

Mr Speaker, I was in touch with her personally from time to time because I am a student of the Open University of Tanzania whose Vice Chancellor is here. I would like to welcome him. He might have heard of the names Uwumukiza Françoise. I would like to introduce myself as a member of parliament, and you can see me expressing my gratitude to the Open University of Tanzania for doing a good job. Keep it up. I acknowledge the support that I received from the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi whenever I got challenges in my studies. I would always consult her and she would guide me on how to move forward. We are saddened that she is not here with us anymore. Our hearts are sad, but the future is brilliant. Thank you very much.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Uwumukiza.

The next speaker will be Hon. Kanini Kega.

4.06

Mr James Kega Mathenge Kanini (Kenya): Mr Speaker, thank you very much, for giving me this opportunity to join my colleagues in celebrating a beautiful soul that has left us.

Hon Speaker, it is sad for all of us as a House; the EALA and the Community. We can only imagine how painful the loss of the late Hon Dr Shogo is to the husband, children, mother, and the rest of the family members.

I was here in Arusha when the sad news that Hon Dr Shogo has departed reached us. It was of course very painful to all of us. In your wisdom, Honourable Speaker, you mobilized the members who are here to go and visit the family. I remember when we went there, we found a family that was very cohesive, but very saddened by the passing on of their family member.

Mr Speaker, on my own behalf and that of my family, I take this opportunity to convey my sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of our departed colleague. The late Hon Dr Shogo used to sit not far from me. I remember whenever you gave her an opportunity to speak, all of us would keep quiet because she was very detailed. Whenever she made any contribution on any motion, on any matter, it was always after a lot of research and all of us would listen. That is the kind of a person that the late Hon Dr Shogo was. No wonder she excelled in all the areas that she went and

in all the institutions that she served in. The late Hon Dr Shogo was given positions of leadership in all the institutions that she served in.

Mr Speaker, this House has lost an avid debater and leader. We will forever cherish her. As the co-chairperson of sports, the late Hon Dr Shogo did a great job. I remember when we used to go for practice at the General Tyres Ground, she would be among the first Members to come in the morning to do the running. Even when she was expectant, she would still come and join the other members even if all she could do was just walk with the other Members. Mr Speaker, I know you, witnessed that because you also used to be there. When we went to Kigali for the games, and she was not in a position to participate, she always availed herself to lead the cheering squad. She was a cheering squad leader, number one. She was determined to encourage the few of us who are participating in the sports.

Mr Speaker, we have lost a member in the sporting activities and an avid debater on the floor of the House. The family has lost a member. The country has also lost a member and the Community has lost a valuable member. However, we are celebrating her life. It does not matter how long you live on this earth. It is the kind of impact that you create during your life that matters. The late Hon. Dr Shogo was only 45 years old. However, she will be forever remembered because of the things that she did within that short time. As we mourn, we also need to celebrate her life and thank God for her time on earth. God gives and takes. With those few remarks, I join my colleagues in, condoling her family. We have lost a leader, but we also thank God for the 45 years that He gave us that opportunity to be with her. May her soul rest in peace. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon Kanini Kega. Now, let us hear from the Chairperson of the Women Caucus.

4.10

Dr Anne Leonardo Itto (South Sudan): Thank you, Right Honourable Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to speak on this very touching matter. This is the first time in my entire life that I am unable to get to terms with something that has happened; the loss of our sister and colleague, the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi.

Mr Speaker, some of us have been here in EALA for seven years. The late Hon Dr Shogo was here for only one and a half years. Within that short period, she touched the lives and inspire many individually or as a collective in the way she approached issues, her warmth, intellect, and her experience that she would always share.

The late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi was a very active member of the EALA Women's Caucus. She brought on board not only inspiration and experience of working with people, but dedication as well. She never got tired about ideas that would make things better. Anytime we had a meeting to discuss issues related to women of East Africa, she was always there. I remember the last time we had a meeting with her was in Nairobi. She was talking and feeling a little tired. I encouraged her

by telling her to keep going and that when you when we get back to Arusha, and she has her baby, I would babysit for her. She laughed at me. I asked her, “Are you laughing because the last time I changed a baby diaper was 30 years ago?”. She said, “No. I am laughing because I wonder how you will find the time to babysit for me.” That was the nature of the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi. The sweetness and how she could relate to each one of us.

When we had Plenary in Nairobi, the late Hon Dr Shogo and I talked about and started planning for an intergenerational dialogue between young girls and mature women leaders like myself. We discussed how we can partner with her Fungua Foundation because it is already established. However, when we got back here, she was already heavy and a little bit too tired. We decided to postpone it to when we come back to Arusha. I would like us to dedicate the intergenerational dialogue that we have scheduled to take place from 2nd to 3rd July 2024 to the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi. She wanted to be there. She wanted to contribute. She was so concerned about building the body of women leaders to join us, the more mature ones.

Mr Speaker, the manner in which the late Hon Dr Shogo contributed, and remembering the debate we had in Nairobi about making the EALA and the East African Community headquarter more women friendly, especially for young mothers. It is not farfetched to dedicate a room for young mothers here in the EALA and call it the Doctor Shogo Daycare Center. *(Applause)*

If we do that, we will continue to remember her as a mother. That is what she would have done if she had an opportunity to pursue the interest of making this place more gender friendly. I would like to conclude by thanking the family of the late Hon Dr Shogo, especially her mother. We all raise children, but some of us do not do such a good job in raising our children to be warm, receptive and inspiring to many people. Mama Queen Mlozi, we thank you. *(Applause)*

Mama Queen Mlozi, we want you to know that we have deep love for the late Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi. We will miss her very deeply. We will miss her as a friend and sister. We will also miss her for the contribution that she has been making in our activities. I will conclude by saying, may her soul rest in peace. Remember the Bible says, if two, three or five people gather in my name and they ask anything, He will grant it. May we pray to our Lord Jesus Christ to grant our sister and colleague eternal life with Him. Thank you very much.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon Dr Itto. I will now give an opportunity to the Members whose names have been listed by the Clerk-at-the-Table. One honorable Francine. Second Hon Fatuma Ndingiza. Three Hon Zipporah Kering. Four Hon Sankok. Five Hon Mary Mugenyi. Six Hon Kayonga Caroline Rwivanga. Seven Hon Kennedy Mukulia. Eight Hon Sadia James. Nine. Hon Ngole. Ten Hon Paul Musamali. Eleven, Hon Gideon Gatpan, twelve, Hon Falhada Iman. After those Members have spoken, we will get another list. Hon. Members, I urge you to take the shortest time possible. We will begin with contributions from Hon. Francine.

4.18

Ms Francine Rutazana (Rwanda): Mr Speaker, I need some time to prepare because I just arrived.

The Speaker: Why is your name first on the list?

(Loud Consultations)

Ms Uwumukiza Françoise (Rwanda): Mr. Speaker, that is the information I wanted to give. It was Francoise.

The Speaker: I was mistakenly given the name of Hon Francine Rutazana.

Let us start with Hon Dr Woda Jeremiah in instead of Francine and then Hon Amb Fatuma Ndangiza will follow. After that, we will proceed with the names that I had read out. Kindly be brief.

4.19

Dr Jeremiah Woda Odok (South Sudan): Mr Speaker, thank you very much. I would like to acknowledge the presence of the family of the late Hon Dr Shogo. As we have heard from colleagues, the late Hon Dr Shogo has been a friend. She has been a colleague and my neighbor at the PPF Estate in Arusha. We used to accompany each other to the morning exercise as well as commuting back home from work.

The late Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi was a person who was very friendly. As most colleagues have pointed out, she spent with us only one and a half year. However, most of the colleagues here got attached to her because of her personality and dedication. As Hon Uwumukiza Françoise, has stated, the late Hon Dr Shogo was the chairperson of the Subcommittee on tourism and Agriculture. She was so willing to learn a lot. She used to call Hon. Amongin Jacqueline and me as gurus in climate change. Imagine somebody who has done a post-doctorate course willing to learn from other people! I did my doctorate 20 years ago, but I did not even attempt to do a post-doctoratecourse. The late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi was humble to the ground. She was ready to learn. She used to call us gurus and tell us that she wants to learn more on climate change issues. We were planning to attend the coming United Nations Conference Of Parties (COP) together.

Mr Speaker, we are saddened by the loss of the late Hon Dr Shogo. One of the things that we as well as her family can do is tree planting because the late Hon Dr Shogo really loved tree planting. As Hon Uwumukiza Françoise, has stated, we should dedicate a day with the Fungua trust to plant trees. I support planting trees in her name here at the EALA.

Mr Speaker, the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi attended the plenary of March in Nairobi when she was heavily caring. She was very courageous. Some of our colleagues would never attempt to do that

if when they do not have any complications but she was there. She fully participated in the Plenary and even asked questions to the Council of Ministers.

Apart from participating in the Plenary in Nairobi fully, she attended all the plenary sessions. That is the maximum dedication for a pregnant woman. I get so emotional speaking about the late Hon Dr Shogo because she was a very good friend to many people. She has been giving advices to some of us who are senior than her. She has been friendly and dedicated to her work. I would like her family and her children to keep her memory alive. I urge her family to keep talking to her children about her. Death has robbed her from us. However, her children need to know how she was a good person, how she was dedicated, how she was willing to learn more, and how she was willing to do a lot.

I cannot finalize my contribution without reading a verse from the Bible. Revelation 14:13 states ‘Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” The works of the late Hon Dr Shogo is following her wherever she goes, because in the time and short life that God gave her, she touched a lot of lives and did a lot of things. Her works will follow her wherever she goes. Once again, I would like to pass my condolences to Prof Sedoyeka and Mama Mlozi. May the soul of the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi rest in peace. May God comfort you. May the Almighty give peace and comfort to the young children.

Thank you. Right. Speaker.

4.24

Amb. Fatuma Nyirakobwa Ndongiza (Rwanda): Mr Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. At the outset, I would like to start by condoling the family of the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi. . I commiserate with the family of the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania as well as the CCM party for the loss of our dear sister and friend.

It was so devastating on the 13th of June to receive the news of the unfortunate passing on of our dear sister. A lot has been spoken about her. However, she is not only remembered about what she did here in the Assembly. We all know that she was very dedicated to matters of regional integration. She was dedicated to the work of the Assembly. At a personal level, the late Dr. Shogo touched each and every one of us. That is why it is difficult to come to terms with the fact that she is gone.

This special session is an opportunity to celebrate her life. Despite the fact that she has gone so soon, she has left behind a rich legacy of being a passionate person with matters regarding to tourism. We all remember the how she led this House in observing the International Women Day on 7th March 2023. Personally, that was the time I interacted closely with the late Hon Dr Shogo because she wanted to collaborate with the EALA Women's Caucus to organize a round table

discussion on tourism under the theme Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality when we commemorated the International Women's Day in Dar es Salaam.

I was impressed by how the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi was so passionate and followed through issues. We had a very successful a successful launch, both for Fungua Truss and the EALA Women Caucus celebration of the International Women's Day. She also organised a visit for us to a special hospital in Dar es Salaam called CCBRT; a hospital that caters for persons with disabilities as well as women and children, who suffer from fistula. When the late Hon Dr Shogo was expectant, she remained committee. Some of the values that we shall continue to remember about her is that she was a loving and caring person. She was beautiful inside and outside. Her charm was infectious. She was ever smiling. I never saw her anger. In addition to that, she was so brilliant. She was resilient as we saw in Kigali.

We had plenary in Nairobi, when the late Hon Dr Shogo was about to deliver her babies, she still worked until the last hour. She was a special person that we shall all miss. In conclusion, let us work hard as an Assembly to ensure that her legacy lives. Her first legacy is Fungua Trust. I know that there is a management team that she has left behind However, let us make it our project because the issues she promoted include tourism, youth, women empowerment and improving the livelihoods of this community are issues that affect us all. Let us also continue being close to the family because it is such a hard time for them. We feel bad but I can imagine what the immediate family; the husband, mother and children are feeling. I would like to assure them that we were a friend to the late Hon Dr Shogo. We shall remain close friends to the family. We shall try to be close, so that we try to narrow that gap that she has left. As the Muslims say, we loved her, but God loved her most. To God we belong and to God we return. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

The Speaker: Hon Zipporah Kering, the Floor is yours followed by Hon. Sankok.

4.30

Ms Zipporah Kering Jesang Kurgat (Kenya): Mr. Speaker, I thank you for giving me this opportunity. It is with a heavy heart and tears that I stand to give tribute and to celebrate the life of our departed sister and colleague.

Mr Speaker, thank you so much for giving this opportunity to those of us who did not get an opportunity to be with the family during the funeral. Thank you for according us this opportunity to say something to make the family feel that we are together for real. Let me begin by telling Mama Queen Mlozi, *pole sana*. Professor Sedoyeka, *pole sana*, The children of the late Hon Dr Shogo, *pole sana*. Those who worked with her and know her, *pole sana*.

Death is inevitable and cruel. Death is a robber. However, the Bible reminds me that those who are alive know that one day they will die. Let us accept that God was in his own chamber, and he

was trying to get the best fruit and he found the late Hon Dr Shogo ready to go dance with the angels. A lot has been said about Hon Dr Shogo. I just want to describe her wonderful soul as an epitome of perfection, humility, passion, resilience, inspiration and love. We cannot describe her enough. When I turn to my right side, I can picture her in her beautiful colors of yellow, green at times white and black.

The late Hon. Dr Shogo is one lady who was passionate about what she did. I happen to be in the same committees as her; the Committee of Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources as well as the Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution. and of course, in the Women Caucus. The late Hon Dr Shogo has been described in the right way by those who spoke before us have not left anything out about our departed colleague.

Daktari was so passionate about her family. I remember one time when we were in Rwanda, I sat next to her during a committee meeting. The class teacher of one of her daughters called and told her that one of the girls had hurt her face. When she stepped out of the meeting to receive that phone call, I was also outside receiving another call. She came running outside and she wanted to scream. She kept repeating on the phone, “Oh no! Oh no! Have you taken her to hospital?” That got my attention and I moved to where she was. I asked her what was wrong and she responded, “The teacher has called me and she says that my child is hurt.” I told her not to worry because I have been a teacher and that is part of the learning. I added that without those bruises on the on the face or any other part of the body, that that child does not have a complete path of learning.

The late Hon. Dr Shogo carried her family wherever she was. I know the late Hon Dr Shogo has gone ahead of us, but her spirit will watch over us all the time. I thank the Chairperson of the Women Caucus. I was thinking of what we can do as the 5th EALA to keep us attached to the late Hon Dr Shogo. I thank my sister, Hon Falhada, who when we were in Rwanda, she brought up a motion about setting aside a room for the breastfeeding mothers. I echo the words of the Chairperson of the Women Caucus who had said that we should commit ourselves and set aside a room in memory of the late Hon Dr Shogo. After the room is set up, the family can one day bring the beautiful angels for us to spend time with them in that room. May the late Hon Dr Shogo rest in peace.

The Speaker: *Pole sana*, Hon. Zipporah Kering. Hon Sankok, the Floor is yours.

4.36

Mr David Ole Sankok (Kenya): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. This is a very difficult moment for this House. It is very difficult to describe the late Hon Dr Shogo. I would like to pass my sincere condolences on my own behalf, on behalf of my family, and that of the people of Kenya to the family of the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi, the President and the people of the United Republic for losing such a professional

The Book of Psalm 90:10 states

“As for] the days of our years, in them are seventy years; and if [men should be] in strength, eighty years; and the greater part of them would be labor and trouble; for weakness overtakes us, and we shall be chastened.”

We were given approximately 70 to 80 years. When we say Hon Dr Shogo died before time, that is what we mean. The loss of Dr Shogo is painful because she had so many years ahead of her. When I look at her portrait, I feel sad because I had given her a name as the beauty queen. The portrait of her smiling reminds us of her. She was always smiling. She was a friend to everybody. When I look at her portrait, I remember her contribution to my Bill on leather. I remember her contributions in the plenary that we held in Kigali on the issue of environment, banning of polythene papers bags and the single use bottles. When I look at her smiling face, I remember her contribution on the motion by Hon Siranda Blacks on the hosting of AFCON by three countries of the East African Community.

Mr Speaker, the soul that have left us was intelligent, sharp, progressive, passionate, resilient, hardworking, humorous and innovative. We will never get such an intelligent leader among ourselves. Members have appealed that we plant a tree in her remembrance. However, I appeal to the head of the CCM Party and the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Her Excellency Mama Samia Suluhu Hassan, to give us two acres within Arusha for us to plant trees, flowers and christen it, Doctor Shogo Recreation Area. If we do that, we will have a recreation facility here in Arusha in remembrance of our departed colleague.

We have heavy hearts and that is why the Assembly is today not as jovial as usual. It is quite sad for us. May the soul of the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi rest in peace. When she gave birth to the twins, I remember writing in our WhatsApp group that she is now 3 in 1. We were planning to go and visit her. I remember even writing in our WhatsApp group that we are no longer 63 Members. I stated that we are now 65 Members because our sister, Hon Nadra Mohamed had also given birth. We feel sad. I feel sorry for the family. I would like to remind the family that we are part of them and that any time they need a shoulder to lean on, we are available. May her soul rest in peace.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Sankok. I urge the other speakers to be brief because time is running out. Hon. Mary Mugenyi, you may proceed followed by Hon Kayonga Caroline Rwivanga and then Hon Kennedy Mukulia.

4.41

Ms Mary Mugenyi Rutamwebwa (Uganda): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I stand here to celebrate the life of one of our best. I have prayed to God to enable me to speak about the late Hon Dr Shogo. I hope you will bear with me if I break done because this is not an ordinary plenary session. I hope that we are able to speak and express ourselves. The absence of the late Hon Dr Shogo is very

loud. Some Members have referred to where she normally sits. She would often sit right here; next to Hon Gideon Gatpan or I.

There is a foolish man that people always talk about in my culture, where it rained and people were outside in the bush grazing their animals. I come from one animal grazing culture. This man foolishly said, although it has rained on us, but I feel the rain more than everyone else does. I definitely do not feel the pain more than the mother, the husband, or the children of the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi. However, the death of the late Hon Dr Shogo is very difficult to accept. One keeps wondering why, why, why, why? I have failed to get to terms with her demise. Her demise came too early. She was definitely one of our best and youngest yet, one of our very able.

There are so many virtues that this young woman, the late Hon Dr Shogo had. She was very committed to her work and always insisted on producing quality work. A few of us and I can name them. I do not have to belong to the same committees. I was not only sitting with her in Parliament. We both belonged to the Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution as well as the Committee of Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources. I therefore spent a lot of time with her. The late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi was knowledgeable and very committed to the detail. I tend to speak a lot in committees, but when it comes to lunchtime or end of the day, I always feel that we should pack and leave because we are tired and we have said enough. However, whenever, the late Hon Dr Shogo, is not convinced about something, she would not stop. She would continue on and on. Those who have served in the same committees with her know it. She always questioned information, interrogated documents and insisted on facts, figures. She always insisted that the quality of our reports should not be questionable.

From listening to testimonies of the late Hon Dr Shogo's background, I can see why she was doing that. She also realized that she was not knowledgeable in all areas. For example, when she came to the house, she acknowledged that she did not have experience in legislation. She would always sit next to me or to Hon Gideon Gatpan in the house to be guided. You know, Parliament can be teasing. The process of processing a bill goes up and down. The late hon Dr Shogo would always want to learn the steps in law making. What should be happening, how it should be done, why it should be done like this so that she gets on top of her work. She learnt all those steps within one year

There are many areas that she was committed to; women's cause, tourism, children and her family. Professor, we know so much about you and congratulations because your wife talked so highly of you. I want to thank her mother and father for raising such a beautiful soul. A woman that would have been proud but very modest. She was a child that any parent would be proud of. However, the Bible says, the Lord gives and takes away. May His name be praised. May we praise God for having given us this young woman even though it was for a very short time.

Mr Speaker, I have a few prayers to the leadership of the Republic of Tanzania. One, that the late Hon Dr Shogo's legacy be rewarded by naming something. It could be an institution or a department. She has been in a number of institutions within her short life. You can see how rich her CV is. Something could be named after the late Hon Dr Shogo and that could be a good example for other young men and women, but particularly young women. To know that they can do well, they can excel and be what Doctor Shogo was.

I second the idea that Hon Amb Fatuma Ndangiza has brought up because she was so passionate about making the institution of EAC gender sensitive and child friendly. We once talked about having a daycare center for young children to help mothers who also work within the institution. Could we pursue that with passion and make sure we have a daycare center here at the EAC headquarter that will be named after her. If we do that, the EALA will have made its contribution towards her remembrance.

Mr Speaker, my next prayer, is that the United Republic of Tanzania, having done well in electing the late Hon Dr Shogo to come here, replaces her with a person of same caliber. I agree with Hon Dr. Makame that the late Hon Dr Shogo ran a good campaign to come to this Assembly. When she was campaigning, even we who are not from Tanzania, heard about her. We were told that there is a very capable woman coming. I am glad that eventually, the late Hon Dr Shogo came and we realized why she was mentioned a capable candidate. I urge the United Republic of Tanzania to replace her with another capable woman so that there are no regrets. We need to take lessons from her. Life does not have to be that long, but let it be a purpose-filled life. May her soul rest in peace.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon Mary. Hon. Carol, you may proceed followed by Hon. Kennedy Mukulia. Kindly make your contributions brief.

4.51

Ms Caroline Kayonga Rwivanga (Rwanda): Mr. Speaker, I thank you and the EALA Commission from the onset for having set aside this time to have a special session in honor of the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi Sedoyeka. It would not have been proper for us to go into the plenary before honouring her. We thank you so much for this opportunity.

A lot has been said about our dear departed sister; her warmth, love, intellect, dedication and passion for learning. I will not repeat what others have said. I will just pick out a few in the interest of time as you have asked us to summarize out tributes. I recall when we started we all came with our backgrounds. We did not know each other. Hon Jackie Amongin and I put up our hands to ask for a subcommittee on climate change. The late Hon Dr Shogo immediately put up her hand and said she was going to chair the Committee on tourism. We did not know her background, but others have already said how competent she was in tourism affairs. During the funeral service, we found out how deep she had been involved in the tourism sector of the United Republic of Tanzania.

The late Hon Dr Shogo showed her passion for tourism in the work that she did even without us knowing her background. She was passionate about it. Hon Fatuma Ndangiza and Hon Uwumukiza Françoise have already talked about how she immediately she organized for the trip to the Ngorongoro. I will not repeat that. We recall her warmth and passion for helping. We recall the visits that we made in Dar es Salaam for her Fungua Trust on the International Women's Day. When we went to visit the hospital that caters for women with fistula, I looked at the late Hon Dr Shogo with admiration. I wondered, oh my goodness, how can such a young lady have all that passion and love for the work that she is doing.

When I saw her, date of birth, I was amazed at how young the late Hon Dr Shogo was. As I grow older, I think a lot and reflect a lot every time. I have just been thinking about the late Hon Dr Shogo so much. I looked at her age and I knew she was young because 1979 was the time of the Saba Saba war. That is when she was born. I looked at her CV and saw that she went into primary school in 1986. I was in Uganda at that time and we had a long period of war in Uganda at that time. I am always putting things into perspective of, of historical times when things happen. The late Hon Dr Shogo went into primary school after the liberation war in Uganda. I put all these things into perspective, and thought to myself, oh my goodness, the work that she has done in that short space of time is amazing.

I personally spent enough quality time with the late Hon Dr Shogo, when we attended the Nairobi, Africa Climate Summit. She actually joined the summit by accident. Initially it was Hon Ali Machano who was meant to attend the session but he did not manage to make it. The late Hon Dr Shogo called me and said she was coming in place of Hon Machano and asked me where I was going to stay. I had not yet secured a hotel, so she did the booking and I joined her. We spent the waking moments together. Before we went to bed, we would spend time talking. We went in the same car to the summit.

The late Hon Dr Shogo had passion for learning. Before we went to the summit, she had no clue about climate change. She told me, Honorable Caro, before the session starts; please take me through it quickly. What is climate change all about? I gave her a quick run through it all by the time the session started, she was up-to-date on everything climate change. We were seated together and the interventions from the two members of the East African Legislative Assembly were by her and Hon Jackie Amongin. The Members that I sat next to during the summit commented that they had never see such level of intervention.

For a person who learned about climate change in a very short time, the late Hon Dr Shogo was an active part of the summit. I also recall when we had Plenary in Kigali, she was already a few months into her pregnancy. However, she came for the *umuganda* as you all recall. She came for the sports even when she was not playing. That is dedication. That is her commitment. It is reflective of the work that she did here in this assembly. The Members, who spoke before me, have

talked about her quality interventions in debates. My own mother watches these sessions, asked me about the late Hon Dr Shogo. My mother asked me, “There is this young lady from the United Republic of Tanzania. Oh, my goodness, her interventions are well researched.” That is what everybody here is saying.

It is good that the family of the late Hon Dr Shogo is here to listen to us pay tribute. We are going to miss a beautiful, beautiful soul that has been a wife, sister, daughter and mother. May her soul rest in eternal peace. May the Lord, continue to strengthen you, her family. I submit.

The Speaker: Thank you, honourable members. I will now give an opportunity to Hon Kennedy Mukulia who will be followed by Hon Sadia James and then Hon Ngole. However, I would like to bring to your attention that it is now 5.00 pm. We have prepared a short film in memory of the life and times of the late Hon Dr Shogo. I urge Members to be brief so that we can let the family go home early.

4.58

Mr Kennedy Ayason Mukulia (South Sudan): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the guidance. I will definitely take the shortest time possible. From the onset, I take this opportunity to thank you for convening this special session for us to recognize the service offered by our late sister, the late Hon Dr Shogo, to the service of this Assembly and the EAC at large, as well as to the people of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Mr Speaker, as many of the colleagues who have spoken before me have talked about the active participation of the late Hon Dr Shogo in their respective committees. The late Hon Dr Shogo and I never served in any of the committees together. However, one incident I will always remember about her was when I was seated somewhere there, we were battling figures during the budget of last year. I asked where the other committee members of the Committee on General Purpose were to help the Chairperson calculate the figures. The late Hon Dr Shogo automatically jumped in and started helping me in calculating the figures for the amendment of the Appropriation Bill. That is the kind of person that she was. She would take up a challenge at any time.

Mr Speaker, if there were many of us like her, then our service to this Community would be well honoured. We are going to miss her. I take this opportunity to condole with the family of the late Hon Dr Shogo. She gave great service to the Community. She has not died, but transitioned to the next world. May the Lord comfort the family and all of us. May her soul rest in eternal peace. I salute you.

The Speaker: I thank you, Hon. Mukulia, for having taken a short time. Hon. Sadia, please proceed.

5.00

Ms Sadia James Sebit (South Sudan): Mr Speaker, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to pay tribute to our colleague, the late Hon Dr Shogo. As my colleagues have alluded to, she was a pillar that we could lean on for a prompt support. I did not share any of the committee with her but she was my neighbour in the PPF Estate. I became a friend to the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources because of her.

When she told me about her Fungua Trust initiative, I told her that I would really want to join her. She advised me to be a friend to the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources. I joined their Committee in the visit to the Fungua Trust and it was so great. After that, we named her ‘Shogo the best’. My last encounter with her was when we went for the Plenary in Nairobi. The late Hon Dr Shogo and I travelled together to Nairobi. We had a good time at the airport because like our flight was delayed for several hours. Every time I interact with her, I could see how much she had integrity in her. I would talk to her about corruption that bedevils most of our partner states. She would always respond that it is not easy to tackle corruption. She would always advise on what steps to take in tackling corruption in different contexts.

I wanted to pursue another master’s degree so I sought academic help from the late Hon Dr Shogo. She advised me that if you want to continue with this profession, being a politician, she told me what I should do to succeed. She advised to set up a foundation that is similar to Fungua Trust to South Sudan. She was a big sister that I looked up to. She was the kind of a person that one can rely on. I learned a lot from her. I will give an example of two things that I learnt from her. One, in a world where you can be anything, be the best of yourself. Two, if God gives you the opportunity to live, bless the world with your talent and the gifts.

The late Hon. Dr Shogo really blessed the world with her talent and the gifts. My prayer is that may our Almighty God, the comforter of the afflicted and the healer of the broken give us the courage and comfort as a House, her family and her organization, the Fungua Trust. May God help us, the 5th EALA, to attain more wisdom to accomplish more as she expected from all of us. May her soul rest in peace.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon Sadia. Hon Ngole you may proceed followed by Hon Musamali and then Hon Gideon Gatpan.

5.04

Mr Khalfan Mashaka Ngole (Tanzania): Mr. Speaker, thank you, for giving me this opportunity to add my voice on this motion before us as we remember and commemorate the life and loss of our fellow member, the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi.

Mr Speaker, as we stand in grief upon the loss of the late Hon Dr Shogo, whose demise will ever stand to be a life lesson to many of us. We celebrate all the good lessons that we have learnt from her as a person, a Member of the EALA, an advocate for social equality and justice among people and a person who stood by her decision in support of all sorts of social transformation for the Assembly.

Mr Speaker, allow me to note that the Tanzanian chapter in this Assembly has lost a friend and a committed Member of the EALA who could have made effort in ensuring the business of the EALA is completed whenever an assignment was due and prescribed. I am aware that it may not be possible to replace a person of a great social mindset like the late Hon Dr Shogo. I believe that as we stand in grief and celebrate her short life cycle that we are together in deep prayers to God. The lesson that the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi left in our minds will always guide us through.

Mr Speaker, the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi was patriotic to our government and the ruling party, *Chama Cha Mapinduzi*. I send my gratitude for the support that we received from the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania during the sendoff of our departed colleague at Babati through Hon Dr Tulia Ackson, the Speaker of our national Parliament. I believe that because of the good heart, dedication to serve humanity and commitment to all our business of the Assembly, the soul of the late Hon Dr Shogo has been welcomed by angels. My hope is that she has eternal rest.

The Women's Caucus of this Assembly will dearly miss the late Hon Dr Shogo. She positively engaged with everyone on and on issues of life and our business will and without fear or favour. She was indeed a good person. Who was never shy to share her life experiences and skills with us, either during debate or on a personal level.

I send my condolences to her family, particularly her husband and parents, the Government and the ruling party. I am glad that Hon Vita Kawawa, from the CCM Party, which nominated the late Hon Dr Shogo is here to represent the National Parliament of Tanzania. I also send my condolences to the entire membership of the EALA for the loss of Doctor Shogo. My appeal to the Assembly is that we should always put her in our prayers and commemorate her in embracing the good she shared with us for the continued prosperity of EALA. I thank you again for giving me this opportunity. I pray that her soul rests in peace. Amen.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ngole. Hon Musamali, you may proceed.

5.09

Mr Paul Musamali Mwasa (Uganda): Thank you, Mr Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to pay tribute to our fallen colleague and to celebrate her life that was a short lived. I second this motion from the beginning, because I may not close with the secondment. I also take this opportunity to comfort the family of our departed colleague. Hon Dr Makame quoted for us a

Bible verse, which I do not remember but in summary, it stated that God gives and takes. Let us take it that way, because we have no control over what has happened.

Mr Speaker, it may not be possible but I am convinced that Hon Dr Makame should resign from the assembly and become an archbishop. I will volunteer to be an assistant bishop so that we can spread the gospel. Hon Dr Makame quoted many verses from the Bible that even me, who is a Christian, did not know.

The person whose life we are celebrating today is one who we have spent one and a half years together as members of the EALA. I did not know the late Hon Dr Shogo before; we met here at the 5th EALA. I learnt that she had accumulated a lot of knowledge and experience in various fields. Human resource management, tourism, environment, and even on integration matters. We have lost a very serious human resource that East Africa and Tanzania in particular needed more. The only thing we can do learn from her and do good things. She was hungry for knowledge. We should also seek more knowledge. Our East African Community is generally in need of her knowledge but she has gone. Therefore, we need to do something.

We learnt a lot from the late Hon Dr Shogo. We may not do exactly what she did, but let us try to emulate. I have a problem, which has been augmented by questions, which were asked by Hon Mary Mugenyi. She asked three times Why? Why? Why? I am sure it is because she cannot believe what happened. I believe all of us are still in shock. We all wonder why the late Hon Dr Shogo of all people had to go. Hon. Sankok in his tribute stated that God gave us between 70 to 90 years. If that is true, I have a problem with God. Why does God come here and pick people without consulting. (*Laughter*) God should come and consult us on who He wants. If God wanted to take someone whose name starts with 'S' we have so many people we would have given him.

The Speaker: That is why He is God.

Mr Musamali: No, God cannot just come here and take whomever He wants. According to Hon. Sankok, God has given us 70 to 90 years. If He came here and consulted, there are people we would give him. (*Laughter*) Mr Speaker, if God wanted someone whose name starts with 'S' we could have given him two or more. If He wanted someone whose name starts with 'M', we could have given Him someone who was around here. That is why I am saying that I have a problem with God. This is the truth. If God consulted us on who He wants to take, in light of what is happening in Gaza, to the Palestinians – don't you not think we would give him one of those people who are causing mayhem in Gaza? If God came during the days of Hitler, don't you think they would give him Hitler to take away? I am sure you agree with me that there is a problem. God should consult because he created us. He did not create us to suffer. He created us for a purpose. If God created us for a purpose, perhaps the late Hon. Dr Shogo had already finished her purpose on earth but we still needed her so much.

I am not saying this because I want any of us here to go if God had come to consult. No, I just want to emphasize that the late Hon Dr Shogo was taken when we really needed her more. For your information, there are people who can volunteer to die on behalf of others if God came. My paternal grandfather died at the age of 92. In his last days, he was sickly. Every time someone younger would die in the village, my grandfather would say, “Why has God taken those ones? I am struggling here” I am not just talking for the sake of talking. There are people who can volunteer. Others even commit suicide. Why can God not take those ones instead of a person like the late Hon Dr Shogo? I pray to God as our creator that when he comes to pick people, He should pick those who are willing, the ones who volunteer and those who have been causing mayhem on us.

Mr Speaker, you, as the Chairperson of the EALA Commission and the Clerk of the House should take note that in the budget of the Community, the EALA does not have a budget line for bereavement. When a member dies, it is the family to struggle with burial expenses. Every serious organization, has a provision for bereavement. We lost a member in the Fourth EALA but we never learnt anything. This goes to the office of the Clerk, we never learnt anything from the loss of members in the Third and Fourth EALA. We are now in the Fifth EALA where a member has passed on but the burial expenses have to be borne by the family. It is a big problem. The same applies to the staff. We do not have that provision for bereavement. This matter should be brought into the budget of the community and that of the EALA in particular. In this case of the demise of the late Hon. Dr Shogo, we should do something even it means bringing a supplementary for us as in the Committee on Budget to consider, we shall approve so that it goes to cater for the expenses that were incurred by the family. Mr Speaker, may the soul of the late Hon. Dr Shogo rest in peace.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Musamali. Proceed Hon Gideon.

5.18

Mr Gideon Gatpan (South Sudan): Thank you Rt Hon Speaker. I appreciate you for approving the Assembly to have this special sitting to pay tribute to a great leader who left us on the 13th June, 2024. It was hard to believe when I received information on the death of the late Hon Dr Shogo. I received a call while in Juba from Hon Kennedy Mukulia in the morning at 5.00 a.m. Central Africa time and 6.00 a.m. in the morning here. I was saddened, shocked and devastated. My heart was filled with disbelief. I asked myself so many questions. Like my colleague, Hon. Mary Mugenyi, I asked myself, Why?

The late Hon. Dr Shogo, spent a short time here on Earth and here at the EALA. We became very close friends. She would always sit right next to me or next to Hon Mary Mugenyi. It is still hard for me to come to term with her death because I keep looking at the seat next to me. How do I consult with somebody else? The late Hon Dr Shogo and I have been consulting since she joined this Assembly. When she first came into this Assembly, she told Hon. Mary Mugenyi and I that,

“I know you are experienced members and when you join an institution you should always learn something. I am interested in learning from you on the procedures and every step that is taken in Parliament for somebody to conduct business.” Hon. Mary Mugenyi and I have been there for her and she has been there for us. We shared a lot.

Mr Speaker, our departed colleague, the late Hon Dr Shogo, was a visionary leader. She was a great leader full of innovation and creativity. I learnt this through her projects in the Fungua Trust. Sometimes when she wrote projects, she would forward them to me for inputs. I became very close to her family especially my brother, Professor Sedoyeka. We have initiated projects together. When the late Hon Dr Shogo died, I was also doing something that was in connection with what we have been doing with Professor Sedoyeka and some of the colleagues from the Arusha Institute of Accountancy.

The late Hon. Dr Shogo was a great leader with positive influence. She touched the lives of many people through her activities. She will be remembered by many people not only in our region but in the world. She was easily approachable by everybody regardless of their class in society. She was full of love, especially with children. She was a champion for equality between men and women. She was a perfectionist. There was nothing that could go out from the Committees she served without the late Hon Dr Shogo editing. I served with her in the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources, and the Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution. Further, she always sat next to me in the Plenary sessions. We have been doing everything together in this Parliament.

Mr Speaker, late Hon. Dr Shogo was a source of inspiration for very many youth in our region and in the world. She remains a source of inspiration because her legacy is living. I pray that the Almighty God rests her soul in eternal peace. She was a leader with a great mind and personality. She had a beautiful soul that appreciated everybody and wished everyone well. She had a motherly heart and always handled things with care. She had a high level of integrity. When we discussed issues relating to the management of resources in the East African Community, she was committed to making the EAC a model of good governance. Integrity was part of her life.

Mr Speaker, our region has lost a great leader. The people of the United Republic of Tanzania, our mother, Queen Mlozi, gave this world the best. God has taken her but we pray that her legacy lives on. My brother, Prof. Sedoyeka, we have done a lot within a short time together with Doctor Shogo. We shall still do things together in her remembrance. My family and your family will remain friends the way we have been. My children asked me, “Daddy, you have gone for the burial of your colleague. Who is she” I just pulled out the pictures and told them that I attended the burial of the person that has always sat on my right side, who is also the wife of Prof. Sedoyeka. They could not believe it. The passing on of the late Hon Dr Shogo devastated us all.

As I conclude, I pray for the Almighty God to give his strength and comfort to the family of Prof. Sedoyeka and our mother, Queen Mlozi. May all of them find strength to bring up the beautiful children. May the Almighty God rest the precious soul of the late Hon Dr Shogo in eternal peace. Thank you.

The Speaker: Honourable members, we still have two activities, which are important. Some of our colleagues raised that issue. They did not know that we were ready. We have to watch a short film on the life and time of the late Hon. Dr Shogo as well as go and plant a tree. WE have to allow the family of our departed colleague to go home early. I invite the next speakers to be very brief. Hon Members, if we give the floor to everyone, we will not leave this House. I have decided to give the floor to those who had raised their hands before. They are Hon. Falhada Dekow, Hon. Kachwamba, Hon. James Millya, Hon. Kim Gai, Hon. George Odongo, Hon. Burkukiye from Burundi and Hon. Papa Ngate from the DRC. Those are seven members that will speak before I call the Mover to reply.

Honourable members, everything has been spoken. You should just give a word then we will invite all the members who may not be in the Chamber to come in so that we watch the short clip together before we proceed behind this chamber to plant a tree in honour of the late Hon Dr Shogo. Hon Falhada, please proceed and be strong. I remember that bad day. You had called me that morning to consult about something at about 6.00 a.m. and I informed you about the passing on of our colleague. Hon Falhada started crying immediately. She cried for more than ten minutes and we had to hang up the phone. Hon Falhada, please be strong.

5.27

Ms Iman Falhada Dekow (Kenya): Mr. Speaker, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to condole with the family, children, husband, mother, brother and the entire United Republic of Tanzania chapter of the EALA. Mr Speaker, I will be brief.

The late Hon Dr Shogo and I served in the executive committee of EALA Women caucus. The first time I met the late Hon Dr Shogo was during the swearing in ceremony of Members to the 5th Assembly. The last time I saw the late Hon Dr Shogo was in Nairobi during the plenary. I always offered her a ride to and from the Parliament of Kenya together with other colleagues. I remember her giving instructions to my driver saying, “Please drive *pole pole, pole, pole*” whenever we go to the bumbs. We would drive as slow as possible according to her pace.

The last activity that we had as the EALA Women Caucus, we went to visit the first lady of the Republic of Kenya, Her Excellency, Rachel Ruto. I remember the late Hon. Dr Shogo is the one who spoke passionately about our agenda as a Women Caucus to Her Excellency the First Lady of Kenya. Our First Lady fell in love with her speech and how she articulated the issues of concern to the Women Caucus of the EALA.

Mr Speaker, there is a verse in the Quran which states that every soul shall taste death and no one is going to escape but our prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam once prayed to God that sudden death should not happen. He was not happy about sudden death. It is for that reason that among Muslims, if a family experiences sudden death, we normally pray. In this case, the late Hon Dr Shogo left us suddenly. We are going to miss her. I never imagined that we would one day come to this house to discuss the journey of the late Hon Dr Shogo. I pray to the Lord that may her soul rest in peace. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

5.30

Mr Abubakar Ansar Kachwamba (Tanzania): Mr Speaker, Sir, I extend my sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathies to all East Africans. Secondly, the strong attributes of the late Hon Dr Shogo have been mentioned. However, I would like to highlight only one attribute of the late Hon Dr Shogo. She was charming and smiling. When we attended her burial in Manyara. I sat next to Hon Dr Makame as we looked at all the obituary photos of the late Hon Dr Shogo and she was smiling. I asked Hon Dr Makame if I happen to die, which photograph would be displayed? We started by scanning through Hon Dr Makame's phone but we did not find any photo that can be used. We then scanned through my phone but we did not find any photo, which can be displayed on the obituary in case I die. Hon Dr Makame concluded that if I died, they would bury me on the same day. I told him, "God forbid."*(Laughter)*

The late Hon. Dr Shogo was charming and always smiling. I will try posing for photos while smiling so that in case I die, at least I will have one photograph to be displayed. Lastly, one of the prophet companions who was the head of the Islamic State for 12 years, one time narrated an injunction and said, 'Some people will be alive, but they will be dead while some people will be dead, but they will be alive.' During the translation, that companion said that whoever contributed to the human development would be remembered forever. My sister, Shogo. My sister. Shogo. My sister never addressed me by my name Kachwamba. She always referred to me as 'Kaka', which means brother. My sister, rest in peace. Mr Speaker, I thank you.

The Speaker: Hon. James Millya, you may proceed.

5.33

Mr James Kinyasi Millya (Tanzania): Mr Speaker, it might be a bit hard to address this Parliament in recalling the good times since the first time that I met the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi. I met my sister, the late Hon Dr Shogo about 21 years ago. I pray that I do not cry again today because the first the first time I met the honorable family of our departed colleague, a family that we respect in Tanzania, I could not hold it.

Mr Speaker, 21 years ago, when I was a young man and a student. I met the late Hon. Dr Shogo for the first time when she was an assistant to the late Prof. Mbwete. The family might recall Prof.

Mbwete very well. Over the years, she introduced me to her family. I know the mum of the late Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi very well as well as her younger brother, Msolo. I also know the husband to the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi, Professor Sedoyeka. She had become like a real sister.

I recall, when we were campaigning to come to this House, the late Hon. Dr Shogo and I were always in communication because I had served as a Member in the National Parliament of Tanzania for five years. It was easier for me to campaign among colleagues like Hon Vita Kawawa, who is here today to represent our national parliament. Most of the Members of Parliament in the Parliament of Tanzania easily identified themselves with me. I got a number of calls from former colleagues who would ask me whether I knew Hon. Dr Shogo. Without hesitation or blink of an eye, I always recommended her knowing that she is one Tanzanian, who is intelligent, able and humble. I was sure that she would come to this Parliament to represent Tanzania and be a gift to East Africa and the world. It is so sad that within a very short period, the efforts that my country, the CCM and the national Parliament of Tanzania, the vision they had for this country and this Parliament and East Africa is a whole has gone to ashes so quick.

I know that we are all hurt but just put yourself into our shoes as the Tanzania Chapter. It is extremely very hard. Thank you, colleagues. You have spoken so well of our sister. We are proud. Normally we say mistakes are human, but the late Hon Dr Shogo was perfect. Tanzania did well in selecting her to come to this Assembly. A country that is called Tanzania has presented somebody who everybody is celebrating her life. I beg the family, our family to tell the children who are not here today that we love them all.

Prof. Sedoyeka is a nomad like me. I would like to remind him that the late Prof. Mlozi and mama Queen Mlozi raised his wife to be the beautiful soul we are celebrating today. Prof. Sedoyeka, you have a duty as a father to make those daughters and sons the best so that they mirror the late Hon. Dr Shogo. We will give you support whenever needed because we are a family. Please rely on us and we will always be there for you. *Tunawapenda sana na Mungu awabariki nyote. Pole sana kwa Watanzania na CCM. East Africa imempoteza mtu maheri sana; dada, mwema na mzalendo.* May her soul rest in eternal.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon Millya. The next is the Hon. Kim Gai from South Sudan.

5.38

Mr Kim Gai Ruot Duop (South Sudan): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. The people of East Africa, the government and the people of United Republic of Tanzania, the EALA and the family of the late Hon Dr Shogo Mlozi have lost a great leader.

I will be very brief in giving my tribute and well as proposing amendment to this Motion that has been moved by Hon Dr Siranda Blacks based on what Hon Paul Musamali said. We lost the late

Hon Dr Shogo and we are not going to see her again. However, she left us with two weeks old twins. If this house and the Community wish to remember and celebrate the good life of our departed colleagues, I propose to amend this Motion so that the twins' health insurance should continue until 2027. I know that there may be issue with the policy legal framework. I am therefore putting my proposal on record that the office of the Clerk, the Secretary General and the entire Community should make sure, that our twin boys' health insurance should continue until what would have been the end of the term of our colleague the late Hon Dr Shogo in December 2027.

I never served in any Committee with the late Hon. Dr Shogo. However, she had only one concern with me. Whenever we met at any corner, be it in the field while playing volleyball or running, she would always talk to me in Kiswahili. I would always tell her that, "Unfortunately, I do not speak Swahili. She would always ask me, "Kim, how can you be in Tanzania for seven years yet you cannot speak Swahili?" I promise you Mama Mlozi, Prof Sedoyeka and the three beautiful children of the late Hon Dr Shogo who are here today that from tomorrow, I am going to register myself in a school to learn Kiswahili. I hope that within three months I will be able to speak in Swahili. That will be a gift for your family. I will have learnt something that is going to change my life. When I come to your house after three months, I will be able to speak in Kiswahili. May the good African God bless and bless her soul.

5.41

Mr George Stephen Odongo (Uganda): Rt Hon. Speaker, it is very difficult to speak about our departed colleague, but let me quickly thank you, the EALA, the government of the United Republic of Tanzania. The Parliament of United Republic of Tanzania the immediate family of our departed colleague, Dr Shogo, for giving her a befitting send off. For giving her a sendoff that validates. The statements that have come from many of my colleagues here.

We celebrate the life of an extraordinary gift to this assembly and to the East African Community. The late Hon Dr Shogo was a very unassuming person. We politicians have a cognitive bias. There is what they call the Dunning Kruger effect. It is the tendency for we, politicians, to assume that we know everything and therefore want to speak about everything. Sometimes, in doing so, we expose our limitations.

The late Hon. Dr Shogo was not the type to speak on everything. I normally would sit behind her in the Chamber and I would see how she spent time researching. We used to joke that when I consume light because of my color, she switches it on because she was brighter. I used to sit in front to consume more light, and then she would switch it on and light the whole House. The late Hon Dr Shogo was very particular. She only spoke when she was sure she was contributing to a subject that she was very conversant with. She did not speak about any other matters that she was not conversant with. Whenever we discussed any other matters where she did not have

competences, she spent time writing down to understand them because she was continuously learning.

The late Hon Dr Shogo was very passionate about tourism. In celebration of her life, this Assembly and the entire East African Community needs to invest in the tourism sector. We should start by effective implementation of the single tourism visa so that we can promote East Africa as a single tourism destination. In this way, we would be celebrating the life of Doctor Shogo, who was passionate about tourism. The community should also spend and invest in both hard and soft infrastructure for purposes of promoting tourism. We need to fast track investment in infrastructure in our partner states and the EAC so that we can facilitate the movement of tourists across the region.

The institution that gave us the late Hon Dr Shogo, the one that specifically deals with tourism here in the United Republic of Tanzania, should initiate an award, a Doctor Shogo Award that identifies young people who have creative ideas around tourism so that the award can be given and perpetuate the life of Doctor Shogo. I can speak repeatedly about the late Hon Dr Shogo, but I want to end here and say we have lost a voice of conscience. The young people and the women have lost a voice. The East African Community needs to invest in the empowerment of women because the life of doctor in a very short time has impacted and shown that there is value in educating the girl child. We need to empower women because when women become passionate and are well educated, they impact the community very, very positively.

Mr Speaker, I thank you. May the soul of our colleague, the late Hon. Dr Shogo, rest in eternal peace.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. George Odongo. I will now give an opportunity to Hon. Burikukiye Victor followed by Hon Ngate.

5.47

Mr Victor Burikukiye (Burundi): Mr Speaker, I thank you for according me this opportunity. I cannot have enough and proper words to express the qualities and successes of the late Hon Dr Shogo. I take this opportunity to condole with the family of our departed colleague. I have a word of comfort for them from the Bible, John 16:22. It reads: *“So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.”*

The late Hon. Dr Shogo has gone, but she has left behind a wealthy legacy from which we will always remember her. May her soul rest in peace. I support the motion and I thank he mover, Dr Siranda Blacks for bringing to the House. Thank you very much.

The Speaker: Lastly, let us hear from Hon. Ngate Mangu François.

5.48

Mr François Ngate Mangu (DRC): Thank you Mr Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to talk about my colleague, who I refer to my daughter because she is as old as my son. I knew the late Hon Dr Shogo as a Member of Parliament here in EALA. I also served with he in the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources. We have lost a colleague who was very important to our community. I went to visit Ngorongoro Conservancy courtesy of Doctor Shogo. We visited Moshi twice courtesy of our departed colleague.

The late Hon. Dr Shogo was passionate about the environment. She advocated for the ban of plastic materials. She was also concerned about food security. I discovered that she was very clever. She was very consistent when she gave her contributions. She knew how to use her words. One of our colleagues who could not speak English correctly, said, ‘When that lady is speaking, I can follow, even if I cannot speak English myself.’

The late Hon Dr Shogo was always smiling. I understand that she was a Christian who was always happy. I thank the Parliament of Tanzania for giving us someone who has been very important to our Community. We also thank the family. We recognize that God gives and takes. My advice to the family is that instead of weeping or crying, let us continue with the work of the late Hon Dr Shogo. We will prove to to the world that we love the late Hon Dr Shogo by continuing with the work that she had started.

My advice to the husband of the late Hon. Dr Shogo, Prof. Sedoyeka, is that he should take care of the kids. We will all support you by giving you good ideas on how continue taking care of the children. The late Hon Dr Shogo has gone back to the Savior. She believed in Christ. She has gone to where she will be forever until we join her. She is now in the hands of her Father. Let us continue to pray for the family of the late Hon Dr Shogo to show that we loved her. Thank you very much.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ngate. I will now give the Floor to Hon Dr Siranda Blacks to reply.

5.54

Dr Gerald Blacks Siranda (Uganda): Mr Speaker and honourable colleagues, I thank you very much. I appreciate the honourable colleagues and the family of the late Hon Dr Shogo from both sides. Mama Queen Mlozi, you brought Doctor Shogo to your family, to that place in Mwanza and eventually settled in Morogoro. You nurtured her and gave her to her husband, Professor Sedoyeka. We appreciate you, Prof. Sedoyeka, because you also natured her and handed her to Tanzania. It is very difficult for people to surrender very beautiful and soulful people with impeccable record especially when they are thinkers and people that are outgoing in politics. Politics is another world altogether. Prof. Sedoyeka, we appreciate that you allowed the late Hon. Dr Shogo to serve her party. You allowed her to serve this Community.

Words alone can never appreciate the personality of the late Hon Dr Shogo. If it was in another country, I know from reading the biography and speaking to her, she had only one brother. We will request the CCM Party to allow the brother to the late Hon. Dr Shogo to come and complete her term so that the children are nurtured at least for this term. It may be difficult, but we ask that the brother of the late Hon Dr Shogo takes her place in this House so that the children are nurtured. I believe that the nurturing of the late Hon Dr Shogo is the same to that of her brother. It will be great if her brother can come and complete this remaining term in office. However, that is for the CCM. Mine is just a proposal from what colleagues have said.

Mr Speaker, I would associate myself with amendment of the motion as was proposed by Hon Kim Gai. However, I think it needs a bit of consultation because motions are drawn based on the rules of procedure and the Treaty. Overall, anything that will do good to the family of my dear colleague, my friend, the late Hon Dr Shogo, will be a good compromise that we continue supporting her family. I think the request I have put for her brother to take up her place in this House will cure that. If the brother comes, then the children will automatically benefit from all those initiatives as family members. We need to take care of the very young children that our colleague, the late Hon. Dr Shogo has left behind.

Mr Speaker, the proposals to set up something tangible that can be looked at in memory of our departed colleague in line with what she had requested and be named after her will be very important. I hope that we will consider that moving forward. The late Hon Dr Shogo even in death continues to give us lessons. Hon. Musamali alluded to the fact that we need to be prepared. We need to always be prepared for any eventuality. We should have a proper plan on how to give a befitting and a proper sendoff to the people that have served this community, at the end of the day, when they go.

The rest of what honourable colleagues have said, is properly in the Hansard. We believe those that require action will be processed so that we have action in line with where we want to go. The timings are not the best, but I appreciate you honourable colleagues. The mood in the House is not as usual. Nevertheless, I appreciate you for continuing to stand firm in paying these tributes. Tributes is a celebration of a person like what we have done. I do not know if when I go, we will have enough time to speak about me. However, it is important for all of us to do good when we have an opportunity to do good, let us do good. Once we have an opportunity to serve, let us serve diligently.

The late Hon. Dr Shogo showed us that we do not need a lot of time. What we need is to utilize the time that God has given well. I appreciate the honorable colleagues for the contributions they have made. I appreciate the following Members stating with my seconder, the Hon. Dr Abdul Makame followed by Hon. Uwumukiza Francoise, Hon Kanini Kega, Hon. Dr Anne Itto, Amb. Fatuma Ndangiza, Hon. Zipporah Kering, Hon David Ole Sankok, Hon. Dr Woda, Hon. Mary

Mugenyi, Hon. Falhada Iman Dekow, Hon. Gideon Gatpan, Hon. Paul Musamali, Hon. Kennedy Ayason Mukulia, Hon. Carolyn Kayonza, Hon. Sadia James, Hon. Ngole Mashaka, Hon. Kachwamba, Hon. James Millya, Hon. Kim Gai, Hon. Victor Burikukiye, Hon. Odongo Stephen George and Hon. Francois Ngate Mangu. (*Applause*)

Honourable colleagues, I appreciate the contributions that you have made to this motion. It is a reflection and a sign of appreciation that we continue to love our departed friend. I appreciate the representative from the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania. I also appreciate the representative from the CCM party, the representative from the East African Community Affairs, the PS of Tanzania, all of you in the gallery up there - I have seen the representative from Uganda and all the representatives and East African Community members that are following this plenary session and have continued to send us condolence messages. I appreciate the Right Honourable Speaker of Tanzania; the Right Honourable Speaker of Uganda; the Right Honourable Speaker of the Republic of South Sudan; the Right Honourable Speaker of the Republic of Burundi; the Right Honourable Speaker for the for DRC; the Honourable Speaker for Federal Republic of Somalia; the Right Honourable Speaker for the Republic of Rwanda and all those that have sent condolence messages. This is a reflection that we are not talking about a very small person, but a person that has impacted our Community. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dr Siranda Blacks. It is now time to put the question.

(Question put and agree to)
(Motion adopted)

Before I adjourn, I have two communications to make. One, we will start our sports training tomorrow at 6.00 a.m. Two, let us now watch a video clip in remembrance of the life and times of the late Hon. Dr Shogo Mlozi.

(A video clip was played)

The Speaker: Hon Members, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, 25 June 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

(The House rose at 6.23 p.m. and adjourned until Tuesday, 25 June 2024 at 2.30 p.m.)