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*Media Statement*

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**UN Under-Secretary-General mourns Sakeni**

**NEW YORK, Monday, September 9, 2013** – United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information has paid tribute to the late Honourable Kennedy Sakeni, Minister of Information and Broadcasting Services, and Chief Government spokesperson of the Republic of Zambia.

In his message of condolences delivered to the Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations, His Excellency Mr Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal expressed sadness at the passing of Mr Sakeni.

“I was saddened to learn of the Honorable Sakeni's passing. We were extremely honoured by the interest he had taken in the Department of Public Information, and his readiness to see so many of our operations, and meet so many of our staff, at first hand,” the Under-Secretary-General said.

“Minister Sakeni was a symbol of the enduring relationship between Zambia and the United Nations that began before your country's independence and continues in the fulfilling years after. We were proud to count on his support in our common mission of engaging the national public with the work and purpose of the United Nations. I know the Minister would have been gratified, as we are, that in this endeavour we can continue to count on young and energetic friends like you.

“Please share my most sincere condolences with the Minister's family, the Permanent Representative (Her Excellency Ambassador Dr Mwaba Kasese-Bota), and the Government of Zambia.”

Before his death, Mr Sakeni was scheduled to meet Mr Launsky-Tieffenthal, the UN Committee on Information chairperson Her Excellency Mrs Lyutha Al-Mughairy, and senior officials in the UN's Department of Public Information to foster closer working relationship among the DPI, the Zambian Government and media on various subjects, particularly those relating to information, broadcasting and social media.

Zambia is part of the five-member bureau of the Committee on Information (COI), representing the African region.

Mr. Sakeni was born on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1957 and died on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 at the University Teaching Hospital (UTH) in the Zambian capital, Lusaka.

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