

## STATEMENT BY AQUIL RAJABALI (PRESIDENT) ON BEHALF OF THE SOCIETY

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إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

“Surely to Allah we belong and to Him we will all return” (Qur’an 2:156)

The Queen held herself with steadfastness, grace and dignity throughout her reign. Many millions both at home in the United Kingdom and around the world admired her and those lucky enough to meet her were touched by her warmth and generosity. In spite of all the difficulties faced through her life the Queen was the one person who transcended differences among people.

There are many examples in modern history of leaders who have given selflessly to others and sacrificed much. Her Majesty can stand proud in the company of these greats having dedicated 70 years of her life to her people in the United Kingdom, the realms and the commonwealth as well as countless others. The Queen seemed timeless. The shepherd who was always there in the background, providing comfort and calm. Alas no one is timeless.

The Queen was a lady of deep faith. It provided her with peace, guidance and solace throughout her reign and in that vein we pray to God that His mercy extends over her from this world into the phases that follow. We pray that she receives the highest place in Jannat Al-Firdous (Gardens of Paradise).

It is with heartfelt sadness that we send our condolences to King Charles III and the family of Her Majesty Late Queen Elizabeth II. We hope that God gives them patience in their time of grief.