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CONDOLENCE MESSAGE BY HIS EXCELENCY THE PRESIDENT, CDE E.D. MNANGAGWA, FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF FORMER AGRICULTURE MINISTER, MR DENNIS NORMAN, 8TH JANUARY, 2020.

The death slightly over two weeks ago in Oxfordshire, United Kingdom, of Zimbabwe's long-time Minister of Agriculture, Mr Dennis Norman, after a long battle with cancer, has left our Nation saddened. A long-time leader of the Agriculture Sector before our Independence in 1980, Mr Norman was among a handful of white leaders who offered to serve under a black-majority Government at Independence, thus validating our Policy of National Reconciliation following 15 years of our armed struggle against white settler colonialism. This was a bold gesture which ended racial polarisation and laid a lasting basis for racial amity and peace in the country. Leaders like Mr Norman, David Smith, Chris Anderson and Dr Timothy Stamps, all late, will be remembered in our country's history for playing a salutary role in the formative years of our Nation. As a minister of Government, Mr Norman worked hard towards a unified, non-racial agricultural sector where farmers related to each other and collaborated on grounds of their calling, and not along the racial divide of colonial times.

On behalf of the Nation of Zimbabwe which he loyally served, its Government of which he was a part for so long, and on my own behalf, I wish to express my heartfelt condolences to the Norman family on this their saddest loss. May they derive comfort from the deep respect and regard which our Nation continues to give him.

May his dear soul rest in eternal peace.

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PRESIDENT OF ZIMBABWE.

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