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Excellency,

On my own behalf, and on behalf of the staff of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, I extend our deepest sympathies on the death of Dr. Saman Kelegama to his family, friends and colleagues.

Dr. Kelegama will be remembered as a committed champion of the regional cooperation and sustainable development. His energy and life-long dedication to improve quality of economic policymaking in Sri Lanka and the region will continue to inspire us all. With wisdom and foresight, he forged ever-stronger relationships with other think tanks and research institutes in the region contributing to knowledge sharing region-wide.

May his soul rest in peace and his legacy live on.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shamsad Akhtar'.

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