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16 November 2012: The Secretary General of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, H.E Dr Mohamed Ibn Chambas expressed his sadness at the passing away today of former Vice President of the Republic of Ghana, Alhaji Aliu Mahama.

"The demise of another Eminent Ghanaian so soon after the death of former President Mills is truly tragic and must have thrown the people Ghana into mourning again. The late Vice President was a brother and good friend with whom I have shared many memorable occasions, including a recent visit to me in Brussels during a trip to Europe. He was one who built bridges and relationships across political, religious, ethnic and other divides and will be remembered for his gentle disposition, serenity, disarming charm and well-known generosity," stated the Secretary General in a letter to the President of Ghana, H.E Mr John Dramani Mahama.

"Though primary of the private sector, [the late former Vice President] entered politics with a storm, serving as Vice President with admiration, distinction and gravitas. He brought his strong personality to the position and served his country and people without blemish," he continued.

The Secretary General conveyed his sympathies to his compatriots in Ghana and special condolences to the late Vice President's wife Mrs Hajja Ramatu Mahama, their children, family, and loved ones.

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