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Brussels, 13 January 2022/OACPS: The Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, has learnt with deep sadness of the passing of the incumbent President of the European Parliament Mr David Sassoli, on Tuesday, 11 January 2022.

A leader of one of the key EU institutions, Mr Sassoli steadfastly defended and promoted democratic ideals. Through this, he inspired the work of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly.

President Sassoli will particularly be remembered by the OACPS for his advocacy in favour of the equitable distribution and access of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility, for the benefit of developing countries.

On behalf of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), Secretary-General Chikoti expresses his deepest condolences to the grieving family and joins friends, relatives, and Members of the European Parliament in mourning the untimely loss of this great Parliamentarian.

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