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**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED AFRICA ROYAL ASSEMBLY, HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS, PRINCE ESTIFANOS MATEWOS, TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION, HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT MOHAMED OULD GHAZOUANI**

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Congratulations Your Excellency on assuming the esteemed position of Chairman of the African Union. Your ascension to this role comes at a pivotal moment for our continent, as we navigate through challenges, opportunity and transformation

The United Africa Royal Assembly pledges our support towards unity, sustainable development, and the restoration of dignity for all African people. Us as traditional leaders will continue our legacy of fostering cohesion, preserving our rich cultural heritage while driving development from the grassroots.

Your vast experience in leadership and military affairs instills confidence in your ability to lead during these turbulent times where our continent faces escalating conflicts and insurgencies shaking traditional leadership institutions. As well as, geopolitical tensions and detrimental policies among member states, we look forward to your decisive leadership and ability to rally collective action.

We stand ready to collaborate with you in ensuring that our continent emerges stronger and more resilient. Together we will overcome challenges, entrench continental unity, and secure the necessary resources to advance our shared agenda. Congratulations once again, President Mohamed Ould Ghazouani, and may your tenure be marked by great success and enduring legacy for the African Union and our people.

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**HH PRINCE ESTIFANOS MATEWOS  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED AFRICA ROYAL ASSEMBLY**

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