MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES OF THE LATE COUNCILLOR SELLO SOFTEN SEGALO BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR, HIS WORSHIP, MR SERAKE LEEUW, AT THE 2nd EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STATEWAY, WELKOM ON 18 NOVEMBER 2003

MR SPEAKER THE BEREAVED FAMILY COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS COUNCILLORS THE COMMUNITY OF MATJHABENG

The untimely passing away of Councillor Cde Segalo has once again robbed us of a dedicated Councillor, a person who continuously have been asking questions, raising suggestions on how to improve the services of this Municipality.

Mr Speaker, yes the death has robbed us of such a young and gifted person, intelligent and having an inquiring mind. Nevertheless, we want to say thank you for the life we shared with Sello.

To the family of Sello we want to say thank you too. You have borrowed Sello to us to work with, to share ideas with as a Cde and as a Councililor and we value the sacrifices that he has been able to made for the development of this Municipality and its people. We will never forget that someone like him once lived with us. That we wish that we has been given a chance to tell those that are about to depart how we valued them. That we wish that we have been given a chance to tell those that we valued what they have done well whilst they were still with us.

Mr Speaker, Cde Segalo in my mind has done well. He came to my office, he came to the officials telling us that the services we are rendering was not the services that the people expected and he was very persuasive in that regard.

Mr Speaker I once again want to say to the family that we did not have time to say thank you to Sello because on Monday of the very same week we were together and to some of us he didn't say anything that was bothering him except to other councillors that he shared with that there was some people who had broken into his house and that has hurt him badly.

Mr Speaker I don't have much to say as we have indicated earlier on that this is the second time that the black cloth is before us and definitely as Matjhabeng Council we needed to pray very hard and say Almighty we think in this term of us it is enough, it is sufficient. It is also important Mr Speaker, with the departure of Sello and Chao that we must learn to appreciate each and every day that we need one another, that we must be

able to congratulate the work done by each one of us because tomorrow might not be there. We must learn to say thank you to our fellow beings for achievements of the day. We must learn to say I appreciate what you did for the day because tomorrow might not be there.

Mr Speaker may we all be comforted and the fear that beseeched us disappear of saying who is next. We don't have a choice to control life.

I want to say thank you to our Priest today who has also raise the same question, whether there is any of you who want to go? And we are saying to our God that we don't want to go now.

Mr Speaker, to the family of Sello Segalo, the mother, the brothers, the uncles, the sisters, please accept our comfort, please accept our condolences that indeed you have missed the person who was very soft in that family, the person who has come with advises, who was a pillar of strength in that family and we are saying today that a tree has fallen. Despite him being differently abled, he was very determined with life, he was challenging whatever comes before him. Please receive our comfort and we share the pain of the loss of Sello. May his soul rest in peace.