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AN INTRODUCTION OF HONOREE

QUEEN MOTHER DR. DELOIS NAEWOANG MOLLEL BLAKELY

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Excellences, distinguished ladies and gentlemen.

I am greatly humbled and profoundly honoured to introduce to you all one very very special lady; that we all have had the privilege of meeting and working with.

Queen Mother Dr. Delois Blakely carries the legacy of Queen Mother Audley Moore as The Queen Mother of All African Descendants representing the 55 million displaced Africans of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and calls for reparations, enstooled in Ampondo, Volta Region in Ghana and received by the king of the Ashanti Kingdom and sent to his mother. The late President Mwalimu Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Dr. Angie Elizabeth Brooks, First Woman President of the United Nations General Assembly were Queen Mother's mentors in the ways of diplomacy over 46 years. In fact, the late President Nyerere was the godfather of Queen Mother Blakely. The Queen Mother Blakely also wrote her Dissertation/thesis on "*Ujamaa*" and on the late President when he was serving as President of the Republic of Tanzania.

In 1958, Queen Mother Blakely entered the Convent of Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary. For ten years, she was known as Sister Noelita Marie and she was fully dedicated in serving her community as a Roman Catholic Nun. You are very welcome to read more of her ten years of work in her community in her book published in 1987 entitled; *The Harlem Street Nun*. By the way and for your information, Queen Mother Blakely is at the moment working on five books including reviewing earlier editions. One of her new books will document her work at the United Nations; we all cannot wait for it to be published.

Queen Mother Blakely has received numerous degrees, fellowships and honourable mentions from MIT, Harvard, and Columbia University. She graduated from the Franciscan Handmaids of Mary College in 1965. She is also extensively published. Her publications include scholarly, popular books and articles on self-reliance, education, recreation and culture.

In 1969, Queen Mother Dr. Blakely founded New Future Foundation Inc., a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural NGO with United Nations ECOSOC status.

In 1995, Queen Mother Blakely was appointed "The Community Mayor of Harlem" and the Ambassador of Goodwill to Africa. She has travelled extensively around the world attending several United Nations Conferences since 1985 to the present time.

We know Queen Mother Blakely, as a noble woman of compassion, who champions the aspirations of women, children and youth. She criticizes human-

kind for the economic injustice, which continues to degrade billions of lives worldwide. Queen Mother Blakely also champions education, basic business training, microcredit, science and technology entrepreneurship, and “heart” as potential solutions for economic and sustainable development.

Queen Mother is a great friend of Africa and also a great sister of Kenya – made and reborn a Kenyan Maasai. From now henceforth, you shall also know her by her Kenyan Masaai name: Naewoang Mollel. A phenomenal woman.

Excellences, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, it is my great honour and privilege to present to you, **Queen Mother Dr. Delois Blakely; Naewoang Mollel.**

Thank you.