



**Statement from His Excellency the Ambassador Extraordinary &
Plenipotentiary of the State of Qatar to the United Kingdom,
Fahad bin Mohammed Al-Attiyah,
on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and would like to express my deepest condolences to the Royal Family and the British people, on behalf of the State of Qatar.

Her Majesty enjoyed a historic 70-year reign since her accession to the throne in 1952, throughout which she has always been a constant beacon of stability and continuity in the face of extraordinary change at home and abroad, and the world is a much richer place thanks to her decades of public service. Queen Elizabeth II served throughout some of the most historic moments in the relationship between Qatar and the United Kingdom, and the bonds between our two countries have grown stronger throughout her reign.

Her contribution to this partnership cannot be understated; during her reign she worked to strengthen the ties between our two countries; helped forged new partnerships in key fields including arts and culture, education, and defence and security; and above all, Her Majesty has been a constant source of friendship to our people.

As Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the United Kingdom it was one of my life's greatest privileges to be received for an audience with Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace earlier this year, and it is an experience that I will never forget.

Qatar's close ties with the United Kingdom span many decades, and despite the sorrow and the heartache of the news, I know that this friendship will not only endure, but it will continue to strengthen in the years ahead.

My thoughts are with Her Majesty's family, and all of the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth at this difficult time.