Obama must have had a very hard time planning his speech, which was welcomed with unprecedented enthusiasm. Through his speech, Obama presented himself as a pragmatist stressing the need for a new beginning between the United States and the Muslim world. He reminded his audience that “So long as our relationship is defined by our differences, we will empower those who sow hatred rather than peace, and who promote conflict rather than the cooperation that can help all of our people achieve justice and prosperity.”

Mohammad Ali Abtahi, former Iranian Vice President under President Mohammad Khatami, called the speech “compensation” for a hostile environment created by Bush. Responding to Obama’s words, President Obama dropped a demand for an Israeli settlement freeze is not all that clear and whether this makes his efforts easier or difficult is equally hard to tell. His affirmation acknowledging Iran’s right to nuclear technology for peaceful purposes appears to have earned good dividends. At a meeting earlier this month in Geneva, with Five Permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany, Iran agreed to open its newly disclosed nuclear plant to UN inspectors. On the contrary, when the US and its allies exert pressure on Iran or North Korea, it maintains a decades-old U.S. policy on Israel of “don’t ask, don’t tell.”

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spread by the leadership and their foot soldiers about the Party and what it stands for are filtering through to all Namibians. Our message is clear. The SWAPO Party is seeking the mandate of the Namibian people to lead the Government for the next five years, commencing March 2010, to continue with the implementation of its development programmes. As set out in the SWAPO Party Government Vision 2030, our goal is to achieve an industrialized nation by the year 2030. The SWAPO Party Government has employed experts and methods which are well tested and tried over a period of decades who have proven success. Despite the fact that our development programmes may be encompassed by pitfalls and shortcomings, all remedial and corrective measures have been built in to address such problems that may occur.

Here I wish to call on all Namibians who desire to join the SWAPO Party not to hesitate but do so immediately to strengthen even more the position of our Party to bring about the necessary development so much a prerequisite to the improvement of the lives of all Namibians. Our message is clear.

The SWAPO Party, render such new members all the assistance necessary and ensure that they have under-stood the realistic and true development gospel as reasons for joining our noble and purposeful Mighty organization. Just last week, the Depart-ment of Information and Mobilization and the SWAP-RO Committee on Information, Publicity and Voters Education for the Preparations of the 2009 Presi-dential and National Assembly Elections very successfully organized a Workshop for High Level Regional Leadership of the SWAPO Party which took place at Grace’s Hotel Conference Center just outside of Windhoek. The workshop took a postmortem of the prevailing situation on the ground regarding the campaign, devised new strategies for campaigning and shared information on best practices on effective cam-paigning, especially on how the SWAPO Party can utilize the unmatched huge masses it posses-ses. The SWAPO Party has the responsibility towards our people and is fully committed to the fulfillment of the mandate entrusted by it the fine citizens of this land of the brave. We will continue to safeguard the hard won independence of Namibia, peace and stability and, further, continue to foster unity and har-mony amongst our people. The SWAPO Party good conduct during this election campaign is a testimony towards achieving this noble goal. It is only through an atmosphere of peace and sta-bility that our people’s lives will be improved and a developed and prosperous Namibia can be realized.

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