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## **Hibernators**

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For the past 19 years, our Party and its Government have ensured peace, stability and a conducive environment for economic development and national reconciliation to prevail. We shall continue to advocate for Rural Development and Youth Empowerment. In that regard and as we have stated on many occasions, SWAPO Party has absolutely no equal on the political landscape of our country whatsoever. With SWAPO, Namibia's future is secured. SWAPO Party Youth League (SPYL) as a constitutional transmitting belt of the SWAPO Party ideology, policies and programme and the Namibia National Workers Union (NUNW) as the sole affiliate organization to the SWAPO Party herewith deliver a Joint Statement containing pertinent issues that are of interest to the Party and the country's national inter-

On the 27–28 November 2009, Namibia will hold its fifth peaceful and democratic National Assembly Elections and the fourth Presidential Elections since independence in 1990. Our first democratic elections was held from 7–11 November 1989. Apartheid South Africa and its Western kith and kin had hoped that chaos not peace would prevail; they had hoped and hallucinated that their splinter opposition groups would

these modern political mercenaries were dropped with two cars. Fortunately this incident was reported to the Police and we hope the police will follow up on this matter slavishly. What is abundantly clear is that imperialists and their surrogates are worried about the popularity of SWAPO Party 19 years after independence, everywhere one goes the political gospel of SWAPO is the order of the day.

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dreaming that 2/3 majority for SWAPO Party should be stopped: whose side are you exactly Mr. High Government Official?

Our people abroad and at our embassies and high commissions voted last week. So, too, did our sea men and women. The results are out. We salute our sea men and women for the overwhelming support they have rendered to SWAPO Party. They voted wisely. They voted with their eyes set on what tomorrow should be like. By voting for SWAPO Party, they have voted for peace and stability, the only wealth we can really be proud of. We once again salute them. We urge Namibians throughout

from New York and allow him and others like him the constitutional right to partake in the political activities of his choice openly and not hibernating. We have talked about the flock and how to keep it together earlier in our statement. Having and keeping disappointing performers as our ambassadors and high commissioners is a slap in the face of the sea of people that make our SWAPO Party meetings and rallies so overwhelming. Those people who attend our meetings and rallies have no double loyalties. Among them we can find better ambassadors and high commissioners who would perform with flying colours like Harare and other embassies did.

We have a problem with people who pretend to be SWAPO Party members while their loyalties lie somewhere else. Unless we address this issue with the seriousness it deserves, SWAPO Party will not keep that flock for too long and may be some want to implement their "Nyamu Notes" by keeping the flock apart. And we the young lions of SWAPO and the NUNW, now and in the future, will never allow the flock to be misled by anyone. We give the assurance to our freedom

is absolute impartiality in the Police force. Put simply, the Police in the conduct of the upcoming elections must be above board and do so with absolute impartiality and root out those bad elements, in the Namibian Police, who are tainting the good image of the Namibian Police. And we know them very well.

The media especially print media has a choice to play an impartial and objective role in the coverage of 2009 Presidential and National Assembly Elections. Unfortunately some have shamefully decided to be carriers of addictive political lies and propaganda of those who want to preempt the outcome of the elections. These spoilers and agents of failure mentioned earlier know and have now realised that the Namibian people are not stupid. So these political cowards are resorting to sabotage and provocations in order to win sympathy from their donors in the so-called international community. This is the real story, the spoilers and agents of failure want to taint the electoral process and some media houses have abandoned all ethics in flaming for Really Desperate People who want to become Parliamentarians. Some of

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ligations. There are people, being fired from the ECN purely because they belong to SWAPO Party, at the same time, RDP hibernators are in there "dining and smiling" with the ECN officials. Once again the hibernating and reactionary elements in the ECN must be aware that we know what you are doing. As SPYL/NUNW, our eyes and ears are open to monitor what is going on in the ECN, rest assured.

It must be remembered that SPYL revealed plans for a splinter group out of SWAPO Party in 2004. It was denied vehemently but it became true in November 2007 when the splinter group RDP was formed through a veil of secrecy. It must be remembered that SPYL revealed back in 2005 that there were hibernators in several offices, ministries and agencies of the SWAPO Party Government. It was denied vehemently but it became true just recently when the founder of RDP proclaimed proudly that they have hibernators in high places. We were right yesterday, we are right today and we shall be right tomorrow. Hibernating action breeds hibernating results aimed at sabotaging the SWAPO Party Government, this is the undeniable and irreversible fact.

## IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND that we make the following recommendations:

From 21st March 2010, we reiterate our earlier call that the only advisors to the President of the Republic of Namibia and of the SWAPO Party on all Policy and strategic issues must be the Top Three namely the Vice President, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of SWAPO Party, elected at the Congress of the SWAPO Party in 2007. The ruling party is SWAPO and not unelected individuals masquerading as advisors around the Presidency of the Country and the Party. This must stop. The Cabinet Secretariat should solely

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defeat SWAPO at the ballot box. This never happened because the people of Namibia delivered a devastating defeat to Apartheid South Africa and its Western kith and kin when SWAPO emerged the victor and reaffirming that it was the sole and authentic voice of the Namibian people.

Today, 19 years later, Namibia under SWAPO Party Government can proudly teach America, Europe, Asia, SADC and Africa the meaning of National Reconciliation, democracy, peace, stability and how to hold peaceful and democratic elections. It must be clear therefore that this 2009 Presidential and National Assembly Elections is not our first. However, in 2009 spoilers have emerged on our political landscape masquerading as "agents for change" when in fact they are "agents of failure". The Namibian people know these "spoilers and agents of failure" only too well and will not vote for them. Our people know that imperialists are not happy with dominance liberation movements such as SWAPO Party. They will do everything to reduce our dominance especially our 2/3 majority. For example, in recent months the imperialists have allegedly funded a training of over 180 people mostly young people in order for them to go on house-to-house campaign against the SWAPO Party. This is what the foreign election observers should know and if needs be conduct their own independent investigation. Yesterday in Oshikoto Region, 12 of

As the SWAPO Party leadership addresses those meetings and rallies, well attended as they always are, we should seriously read at the souls and hearts of those people. SWAPO Party's ability and capacity to maintain and keep that hugely diverse flock together is borne out of the commitment, dedication, loyalty and trust of those people. Those peasants, youth, women, workers, teachers, clergies, businesspeople, students, bornfrees and artists have made our meetings and rallies the envy of opposition parties in the country. We must keep the flock to-

However, conspicuously absent in addressing SWAPO rallies on this campaign trail are SOME "ministers", "consultants", "special advisors", "executive directors" (including MDs, CEOs, Boards of SOEs", "Permanent Secretaries", "known elements within the high echelon of Cabinet Secretariat", "ambassadors" and "high commissioners". Those in the public service are now conveniently claiming that they are apparently barred by our Public Service Act from partaking in political activities even from displaying SWAPO colours in their private cars? Why are they not campaigning for the SWAPO Party on whose ticket they are now serving? Still, we know that they are not barred from having dinners with opposition parties; they are not barred from getting tenders; they are not barred from the country to emulate their example and overwhelmingly vote for SWAPO Party and its Presidential candidate, Comrade Hifikepunye Pohamba.

But we must also be honest

and frank and call a spade a spade. Not all the results from our fellow country men and women abroad are encouraging. In fact, they are disturbing. How do you read the results from New York? Put simply, the near neck to neck results from New York are disappointing but not surprising, to say the least. The pointers are there and have been there. That is why to us as SPYL/ NUNW the recent revelation by a known political failure that there are hibernators at State House and other institutions of the SWAPO Party Government is not news to us, because we have known that all along. We wholeheartedly commend Harare, Cairo, Luanda, Beijing and others for a job well done, but on New York's and Gaborone's results, we must, unfortunately, go back to the drawing board and carefully read the trends and plot our way forward.

Poor and disappointing performance must be compensated by a recall and subsequent release from duties. We mean it, because the high commissioners are not diplomatic tourists in those countries but were supposed to represent the President of Namibia with uniform loyalty and not divided allegiance. Dr. Kaire Mbuende must be recalled fighters those who have not wavered, that the youth of SWAPO will forever uphold the gains of the Namibian Revolution. That is why the people are bitter and disappointed about some of those appointments. What is so special about those people who are letting us down when we can find better people in our flock? Why are we being so blind to the parasites that are eating away at the fabric of our mighty SWAPO Party? That is tantamount to daylight robbery.

The security and law enforcement agencies require a complete overhaul. We applaud and commend the Namibian Police as an institution for maintaining law and order in our free and independent Namibia. However, we bemoan the reactionary and individual tendencies of some police officers whose conduct is more political than doing the actual Police work. Of late police resources are wasted through meaningless escorts to some "political cry babies" everywhere. We can-

not be fooled any longer that there

these print media houses are themselves bias in giving only little credit to the SWAPO Party, while they are worshiping opposition parties that have no electoral mandate from the Namibian people. After all, this a coalition of failed former ministers, failed former CEOs/MDs, failed former ambassadors, failed former councilors and so forth all are now united under the umbrella of real desperate and angry people striving at all cost to become "honourable members of Parliament", what a shame that the media houses cannot see this crystal clear reality, thus we call on the spirit of patriotic media to arise and see this process through and become a pride of all Namibians.

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) must be commended for having employed thousands of young people to partake in the conduct of the 2009 Presidential and National Assembly Elections. As an institution, it has a role expected of it by society to be impartial in the execution of its national duties and ob-

deal with administrative, not policy matters. Policy matters are the domain of Cabinet and not the Secretariat.

We must also review, strengthen and readopt the SWAPO Party Election Manifesto Implementation Guide of 1999. We are very lucky and fortunate that the Implementation Guide was crafted by our current President, Comrade Hifikepunye Pohamba, then SWAPO Party Secretary General. We can only honour his words and do justice to his genuine commitment to the cause of SWAPO Party by adhering and translating his words into action as enshrined in the Election Manifesto Implementation Guide. Let us help him implement what he has recommended to the SWAPO Party Government, without fail. Furthermore, all people serving on the boards of various State-Owned-Enterprises (both Boards/CEO/MD) should be recalled as of March 21st, 2010 so that the appointments could be done in line with the provisions

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