SWAPO PARTY

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Comrades and Friends,
Comrades and Sisters,
Lady and Gentlemen,

I would like to share with you and through you, to the entire nation, the decision we are about to make, which is to freely elect our President and members of the National Assembly. It is my conviction that we, as Namibians, will do so with a sense of national pride and joy in exercising our most sacred duty, which is enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia.

Therefore, this is an occasion in which we Namibians are duty bound, to fulfill the dreams of those who had made supreme sacrifice for us to be free today. We cherish our freedom and independence as well as peace and stability. Without peace and independence, our freedom of choice will be seriously jeopardized. We therefore, cannot trade our peace and security for freedom and independence for anything else!

I wish to state here today that, we in the SWAPO Party approach these elections true to ourselves and with clear conscience. We remain faithful to the principles, upon which the foundation pillars of the Republic of Namibia, are ingrained.

We have presented our political programme to our comrades, either through the 2009 Manifesto, which is our contract with the people of Namibia or through various platforms, which the people of Namibia availed to the SWAPO Party. We are very grateful to the fact that, throughout the period of campaign, the people of Namibia have not only given us sympathetic ears, but have received our messages of hope with open hearts.

Now that the period of campaign is over, I appeal to the people of Namibia to make their informed decision, not out of emotion, but out of conviction because the task before the nation requires a sober and realistic advancement. This is not time for experimentating, it is time for hard work and we are ever prepared to work for the development and social upliftment of our people. We are mindful of the hopes and aspirations of our people throughout the length and breadth of the Republic of Namibia. SWAPO is a forward looking party with a special focus on its vision for the development and social advancement of the people of the Republic of Namibia.

Pohamba recently witnessed a ground breaking ceremony of Tsunene Secondary School, Katwebi road which will link Namibia with Angola in Cuando Cubango Province in Angola and upon completion, would form part of Windhoek-Luanda corridor. Other projects, that were recently officiated are: Gobabis- Otjimba-Grashoofen which is to be upgrade over the distance of 157 km and Okahao-Omatanka road which would be upgraded with a distance of 83 km, just to mention, but a few.

In the communication sector, telecommunication services have been extended. Optical fiber cables have been extended to Botswana via Bulawayo and to Zambia via Sazibas. This is in line with SACOC Protocol on Transport, Communications and Meteorology aimed at integrating telecommunication infrastructure network in the region. Namibia has also signed up for an underwater cable network to provide our people with efficient internet connectivity. This is due for completion in 2011. The list of SWAPO Party government achievements cannot be exhausted. These achievements have come about as a result of a favourable environment created by the SWAPO Party government to improve the standard of living of our people and to enable them to access services, which are currently available to the people of other countries.

These are not only achievements for the SWAPO Party alone, but national pride geared towards a sense of belonging, common loyalty, patriotism and devotion to the building of our nation.

I would like to take this opportunity to call upon all registered voters to come out in full force and exercise their constitutional guaranteed rights to vote for their President and members of the National Assembly. I am therefore appealing to the rank and file of the SWAPO Party, Members of the Central Committee, Regional Coordinators, District Coordinators, Branch Secretaries, Section Leaders, the Leadership of SWAPO Party Elders’ Council, Youth League and Women Council NUW members in all 13 Regions, to mobilize the entire nation to come out and vote Comrade Hifikepunye Pohamba as President and for the SWAPO Party in the National Assembly election.

I wish to assure the Namibian nation that SWAPO Party’s vision is aimed at improving the quality of life for the people of Namibia. It is so bold as it has ever been and it continues to radiate flame of freedom to illuminate our path in the process of development of Namibia. The SWAPO Party has introduced on SMS line which will enable our members to keep in touch with the Party. The number for the SMS line is 79276. All members are assured that the SMS line is controlled by PARTY cadres. All those who like to register to use the service should send an SMS with their names to 79276. Members are also encouraged to forward any information they would like to share with the Party membership to this number.

Finally, I would like to once again thank all SWAPO Party members, supporters, sympathizers, artists and the entire nation for the support and confidence they have entrusted us over the past five years. Once our mandate is renewed again for the next five years, we will continue to give you our shoulders to lean on and move confidently into a secured future.

I thank you!