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Comrades and Friends,
Compatriots,
Ladies 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 our independence will be compromised and without stability our freedom of choice will be seriously impacted. We therefore, cannot trade our peace and security or 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 compatriots, 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 message 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 experimenting, 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



Comrade Jerry Ekandjo
of Namibia.

Five years ago, the people of Namibia renewed the mandate of the SWAPO Party in the government with unprecedented enthusiasm. In April this year, before drawing up another contract with the people of Namibia, we gave an account for what we have done in the past five years.

Despite tangible results, there are still a group of few people who are trying to cast a shadow of doubt on our achievements. I therefore wish to repeat some of the achievements of the SWAPO-Party led government. In the field of food security, I wish to point out that on 12 November 2009, His Excellency, Comrade Hifikepunye Pohamba, commissioned the Ndonga Linena Green Scheme Project, which is an achievement to ensure food security for our people. The Kalimbeza rice project is another achievement towards food sufficiency and self-reliance and self reliance, which will also contribute to job creation efforts.

The SWAPO Party is mindful that infrastructure development and upgrading is vital to economic growth. Hence, major projects including Trunk and District Roads have been embarked upon. Amongst these are: the Rundu-Siko-Nkurenkuru Elundu road which is still under construction which is to link Kavango and Ohangwena Regions with a distance of 375 km. His Excellency President

Pohamba recently witnessed a ground breaking ceremony of Tsumeb-Tsintsabis-Katwitwi road which would link Namibia with Menogue in Cuando Cubango Province in Angola and upon completion, would form part of Windhoek-Luanda corridor. Other projects that were recently officiated are: Gobabis-Otjinene-Grootfontein which is to be upgraded over the distance of 157 km and Okahao-Omakange 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 Buitepost and to Zambia via Seseke. This is in line with SADC Protocol on Transport, Communications and Meteorology aimed at integrating telecommunication infrastructure network in the region. Namibia has also signed up for an undersea 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 favourable environment created by the SWAPO Party government to improve the standard of living of our people and to enable them to access services tangible to the upliftment of their everyday lives. Today, 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-Coordination, Branch Secretaries, Section Leaders, the Leadership of SWAPO Party Elders' Council, Youth League and Women Council NUNW members in all 13 Regions, to mobilize the entire nation to come out and vote Comrade Hifikepunye Pohamba for 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 as bold as it has ever been and it continues to

radiate flame of freedom to illuminate our path to the future. As a tested Party with track records of commitment to serve the people of Namibia, we will leave no stone unturned in the realization of the hopes and aspirations of the people of Namibia. Years back at the height of our liberation struggle, the Father of the Namibian nation, Comrade Sam Nujoma, rightly predicted and I quote "when the history of a free and independent Namibia is written one day, SWAPO will go down as having stood firm where others wavered, that it sacrificed for the sacred cause of liberation, where others have compromised". Time and history have been on the side of SWAPO Party. It has neither wavered nor compromised on any of its commitments and it will continue to be on the side of both time and history.

Let all those who love and cherish freedom to go out in masses and vote to consolidate peace and security, freedom and independence as well as economic prosperity and thereafter, rejoice as one Namibia-one Nation. We are called to rededicate ourselves to the service of our people and make Namibia a proud place for all of us as well as for the succeeding generations. The SWAPO Party remains ready and prepared over the next five years, to once again take Namibia a step closer to vision 2030.

I wish to, at this juncture, announce that the SWAPO Party has introduced an 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 on 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!