The Namibia nation is shocked by the unfounded allegations made by Mr. Hidipo Livius Hamutenya, President of the RDP. The gravity of these allegations is so serious that they cannot remain unchallenged by any sober-minded democratic person. No self respecting person could make such unfounded allegations unless he or she does that under the influence of something best known only to him or herself. Mr. Hamutenya alleged that the SWAPO Party has been using loopholes to cheat and win all previous elections, SWAPO has won all elections including the first election of 1989, which was controlled by the Apartheid South African imposed administration and directly supervised by the United Nations. Does Mr. Hamutenya also imply that SWAPO used loopholes to cheat and win that election? He must be embarrassed by what he had said at Okongo.

We in SWAPO Party challenge Mr. Livius Hamutenya to come out with concrete evidence of the cheating he has alluded to on Sunday the 01 November 2009 at Okongo. If Mr. Hamutenya has been aware of cheating by the SWAPO Party, why has he hidden this from law enforcement agencies? It is only common sense that if one goes with a group to steal he too is a thief himself. We in the SWAPO Party are not aware of any cheating, Mr. Hidipo Hamutenya is alluding to, if he was cheating then he must have been doing it all alone and not in the name or on behalf of the SWAPO Party. He must come clear on whose behalf he has been cheating. I have been in the leadership of SWAPO before and after independence and have attended most meetings, where policy decisions were taken, but at no time have I participated, witnessed or heard plans on the topic of cheating appearing on any agenda of the SWAPO Party.

The nature of cheating we do not know, hence Mr. Hamutenya needs to provide irrefutable proof beyond any reasonable doubt of his alleged cheating. If he fails to do so, then the law enforcement agencies must call him in order to give sworn statement before the Court of Law.

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