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ON THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

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I welcome you all to this important press briefing on the outcome of the just concluded Electoral College of the SWAPO Party. I am fully aware that all our members across the length and breadth of Namibia, as well as our adversaries are waiting eagerly for the outcome of the Electoral College.

As I have mentioned at a number of occasions SWAPO Party is a democratic and a mature Party with an expressed agenda to advance the interest of all Namibians. Therefore, it is not surprising when the whole Namibia comes to a standstill whenever there is a mention of a SWAPO Party major event such as the Electoral College or Congress.

It is perhaps prudent to mention at this point in time that the process for the identification and determination of the SWAPO Party List of Candidates for the National Assembly started long time ago in the Regions with the elections at Section Level, Branch Level, District Level and at the Regional Conference Level before the Electoral College took place. So at all these Levels the process was free and fair.

There is no Political Party in Namibia that is so transparent and democratic like the SWAPO Party. To date, I have not even read or heard, how other Parties go about nominating their candidates.

**Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press,
Dear Comrades,**

SWAPO Party delegates at the Electoral College have spoken and as such determined who are going to be the candidates for the imminent National Assembly Elections.

In total, there were 211 delegates at the Electoral College. Out of the 211 comrades, only 205 cast votes. Six did not vote and there was only one spoilt ballot.

The final list of 72 candidates for the SWAPO Party List of candidates for the National Assembly Elections, are as follows (as attached);

**Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press,
Dear Comrades,**

Yesterday, H.E. Cde. Hifikepunye Pohamba, the President of SWAPO Party, who is also the Presidential Candidate of our Party, launched the 2009 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto, which shall serve as a guiding policy document for the next five years. This document is clearly articulating the needs, hopes and aspirations of all Namibians in a concerted manner.

I hope that all Namibians will acquaint themselves with such a document. Namibians of voting age should register during the coming supplementary voter's registration period and vote for the SWAPO Party.

It is only through voting that one can express his/her wish and expectation after the evaluation of the progress that is being made in the maintenance of peace and stability.

Equally so, I urge all the SWAPO Party Regional Coordinators and the National Leaders Assigned to Regions to declare the next weekend, 12 September 2009, Saturday, as a SWAPO Party Regional Campaign for the Launch of the Manifesto. The aim is to introduce the 2009 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto to SWAPO Party members, supporters and sympathisers in the Regions.

To all SWAPO Party members, I would like to advice, that we must conduct clean and peaceful, accident free campaign. We must resist all temptations for retaliation. "Let us all campaign" must be our resolve as we continue to canvass support throughout the length and breadth of our country!

SWAPO! UNITED!

SWAPO! VICTORIOUS!

NOW! HARD WORK!

I thank You!

SWAPO UNITED! SWAPO VICTORIOUS! NOW, HARD WORK!

