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**SWAPO PARTY PRESS STATEMENT  
ON ITS PREPAREDNESS FOR THE  
PRESIDENTIAL AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
ELECTIONS SET FOR 27 NOVEMBER 2024  
AND ON OTHER MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO  
ITS MEMBERS**

**BY**

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WINDHOEK, KHOMAS REGION**

**22 AUGUST 2024**

**Cde. Director of Proceedings;**

**Cde. Sophia Nahango Shaningwa - Secretary General of SWAPO Party;**

**Cde. Uahekua Herunga - Deputy Secretary General of SWAPO Party;**

**SWAPO Party Members of the Central Committee and Political Bureau;**

**Cdes. Ministers and Deputy Ministers;**

**Esteemed High Commissioners present here;**

**H.E. Cde. Eunice lipinge – President of PAWO;**

**Cdes. SWAPO Party Members of Parliament;**

**Cde. Eliot Mbako – Regional Coordinator of Khomas Region;**

**Cdes. Members of Khomas Regional Executive Committee;**

**Cdes. District, Branches and Sections Leaders;**

**Cdes. SWAPO Party wings and affiliates representatives: SPEC, SPWC, SPYL, SPPM, FPCA, NUNW, NEKA;**

**Esteemed Veterans of the Liberation Struggle;**

**SWAPO Party businessmen and women;**

**SWAPO Party artists;**

**Religious and Traditional Leaders;**

**Cdes. Members, Supporters and Sympathizers;**

**Media Representatives;**

**Comrades and Compatriots;**

**I SALUTE YOU!**

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It is my honour and privilege to welcome you all to this Press Conference, organise to share with Party members and public at large on the Party's preparedness for the November 27 Presidential and National Assembly Elections.

Immediately after the successful conclusion of its 7<sup>th</sup> elective Congress which took place during November 2022, the SWAPO Party, during February 2023, mandated its Vice-President, Cde Dr Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, to lead the Party's regional engagement meetings with regional structures and community members in all fourteen regions. The aim was to report on the outcome of the Congress, share with members' information on resolutions taken, introduce the newly-elected leadership, and inform the members that Cde Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah is the Party's automatic Presidential Candidate, in accordance with rules 8, 10 and 53 of the Party's Rules and Procedures, given the fact that the late Dr Hage G. Geingob was not available to stand as candidate for the country's Presidential elections, due to the fact that he was barred in terms of the country's Constitution.

The regional engagements spearheaded by the Party's Vice-President and Presidential candidate, Cde Dr Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, proved successful as it mobilized hundreds of thousands of members, supporters and sympathisers and rallied their support behind the Party and its Presidential candidate. This also served to foster and strengthen unity and comradeship amongst Party members.



In the aftermath of the devastating loss of our beloved President, the late Dr Hage G. Geingob, may his soul continue to rest in perfect peace, the Party convened a meeting of its Central Committee on 9 March 2024. In accordance with Article 15(9) of the Party's Constitution, the Central Committee unanimously resolved to call an Extraordinary Congress to be held on 19 April 2025, in order to elect the person to complete the unexpired term left vacant due to the death of the late President Geingob.

The Party thereafter continued with its preparations for the Presidential and National Assembly elections inclusive of, amongst others, convening an enlarged Central Committee Leadership Workshop which also included SWAPO Party Members of Parliament and Regional Governors in order to discuss and deliberate on the Party's Mobilisation and Campaign Strategy. This was done with the sole aim of capacitating, sensitising and equipping the overall Party leadership about the Party's election campaign strategy.

Furthermore, the Party also organised a workshop for the Party District Coordinators and Information and Mobilisation Officers in order to train and equip them with necessary knowledge, information and capacity so as to steer, direct and coordinate electoral campaign activities in their respective districts. I am pleased to report, that all these well-meant gatherings prepared the Party's key functionaries to be in a pole position to mobilise, encourage and educate Party

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members, and of course members of the public, on the importance of the democratic elections.

The Party took all these steps to ensure that our members are encouraged and educated on the importance of voter registration as it is cognizant of the fact that voter registration is of singular significance when it comes to our democracy. Voter registration, and ultimately the actual casting of votes itself, determine and promote the stability of democratic institutions in any particular country and Namibia is no exception. The Party is also cognizant of the fact that trust of citizens in democracy is promoted when the registration process is efficient, effective and transparent and allows for the participation of all electoral stakeholders. It is because of this, that SWAPO Party believes that the registration of voters and ultimately the actual vote of each and every eligible citizen, as it is often said, is a badge of dignity.

These Party concerted, proactive and deliberate efforts on the part of the Party's leadership led to one of the most successful and efficient general voter registration ever to be witnessed in Namibia since the dawn of democracy. In this respect, the Party extends its profound appreciation to all and everyone at national, regional, district, branch, sections and individual levels, who took part in its activities aimed at ensuring that our people are registered to vote. The Party also expresses its profound appreciation and gratitude to those who positively responded to its call for citizens 18 years and above to register and eventually vote for the Party and its Presidential Candidate Cde Dr Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah.

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Of course, our satisfaction over the successful general registration of voters does not mean that we have accomplished our pre-electoral activities and mission. In fact, SWAPO party does not take for granted that it has received a massive response to its call for voter registration. We therefore call on those registered to vote and to sanction the same commitment and dedication seen during the general voter registration, by ensuring that they indeed all turn up to vote in the Presidential and National Assembly elections and in favour of SWAPO Party and its Presidential candidate, Cde Dr Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, on 27 November 2024.

Further on, I am pleased to report to the SWAPO Party membership that the Party has since officially launched its campaign tools. These tools include the Party's website, the Party's profile, SWAPO Party Presidential candidate's profile and radio programmes, all of which are aimed at communicating the Party's election message on a wider scale. All these well-coordinated activities and strategies are meant to highlight and convince voters to put their trust in the Party and its Presidential Candidate Cde Dr Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah.

SWAPO Party further urges the people of Namibia to vote for the Party and its Candidate because of its longstanding achievements over 34 years of governance. SWAPO Party has made tangible and visible achievements in all spheres of life including in education, health, public infrastructure, social welfare, poverty reduction, etcetera. In fact, it is difficult for one to ignore or distort the impressive



achievements registered by SWAPO Party government in a country that suffered untold and despicable injustices perpetrated by successive colonial regimes.

Worth mentioning, is SWAPO Party's ability to maintain and secure peace, stability, democracy and the rule of law over three solid decades. All these, are necessary ingredients for our desired socio-economic development and reconstruction of our country. It is therefore not surprising that the Namibian nation, judging from the impressive and massive numbers of SWAPO Party members, supporters and sympathisers involved in the Party's recent campaign and recruitment activities, sees no hope in any other political formation other than SWAPO Party.

I am pleased to report to the SWAPO Party membership that, as a principled Party that believes in its processes and procedures, it has set the Party's Electoral College to elect the Party's candidates for the National Assembly elections to take place from 7 to 9 September 2024.

Next after the Electoral College the Party will launch its election manifesto on 14 September 2024. The electoral commitments by SWAPO Party to the electorates and the recordal of its impressive performance in the last five years are shared in the Manifesto to be launched. This important event will be held virtually, thus allowing the Party membership and the nation at large to witness and follow the launch by the SWAPO Party Vice-President and Presidential Candidate, Cde. Dr

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Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah (which will be done from Windhoek) from their respective regions and Districts.

I at this juncture, call upon our members to, once the Manifesto is launched, intensify the election campaign mobilization during the period leading to the Presidential and National Assembly elections on 27 November 2024 and in the same vain urge all eligible voters to cast their vote in favour of the SWAPO Party and its Presidential Candidate, thereby achieve a landslide victory.

Further on, SWAPO Party also wishes to advise its members, supporters and sympathizers to continue to conduct themselves in accordance with the rule of law and in a manner that does not undermine our prevailing peace and stability. SWAPO Party believes in peaceful political activities accord with the ethos and values SWAPO Party stood for for many years, and continues standing for. Let's carryout our election campaign activities, in a manner that fosters unity.

The aforementioned satisfactory state of affairs concerning our election campaign so far notwithstanding, the Party wishes to express its grave concern over the conduct of a few individuals who, while claiming to be Party members, involve themselves in counter-revolutionary activities aimed at undermining the collective unity of the Party and its activities.



There has been concerted efforts by some elements to cause panic or confusion amongst Party members, inter alia, by distorting information in relation to ongoing cases in Courts. The Party has always respected and acted in accordance with the rule of law and where it may be involved in litigation it has always acted in a responsible manner, including using all its available resources, human or otherwise, to defend its rights and interests. The Party will therefore vigorously defend itself in any action that may be instituted against it.

In conclusion, I would like to once again urge the multitudes of our leadership and members to continue with their mobilisation activities across the country – with the sole purpose of ensuring that SWAPO Party and its Presidential Candidate register a landslide victory come 27 November 2024. As is said by HE Cde. Dr Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia, “we are too many to be defeated”. The victory of SWAPO Party and that of its Presidential Candidate, Cde. Dr Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah is certain!

Vote SWAPO Party and its Presidential Candidate Cde. Dr Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah for **“Unity in Diversity: Natural Resources, Beneficiation and Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development”**.

**SWAPO, UNITED!**

**SWAPO, VICTORIOUS!**

**NOW, HARDWORK!**

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