CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. SAM NUJOMA, FOUNDING PRESIDENT AND FATHER OF THE NAMIBIAN NATION, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 95TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF HIS EXCELLENCY DR. KENNETH KAUNDA, FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

SUNDAY, 28 APRIL 2019

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LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

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Director of Ceremonies;
Your Excellency Edgar Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia;
Your Excellency Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, Founding President of the Republic of Zambia and your family;
Your Excellency Joaquim Chissano, Former President of the Republic of Mozambique and Chairperson of the Africa Forum;
Your Excellencies, Former Heads of State and Government;
Honourable Ministers present;
Your Excellency Edem Kodjo, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Togo and Former Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU);
Distinguished Invited Guests;
Members of the Media;
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am delighted to have been invited to this auspicious occasion and join millions across the globe to celebrate the milestone 95th birthday of His Excellency, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda.

It is a great honour for me to be here today among Former Heads of State and eminent personalities. I am particularly touched by the warm and fraternal reception accorded to me and H. E. Dr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, Former President of the Republic of Namibia to this beautiful City of Lusaka, which we have come to know as our second home.

Indeed, people across the world have reason to celebrate the remarkable journey His Excellency Dr Kenneth Kaunda has travelled.

The annals of history have recorded with kindness the role played by His Excellency Dr. Kenneth Kaunda before the independence of Zambia in 1964 to our liberation struggle.

In this regard, after Zambia attained its independence, President Kaunda played a very important role by hosting and providing SWAPO with material, political and moral support. As such, he contributed to the independence of our country and worked tirelessly for the liberation of the African continent from colonial occupation.

As His Excellency Dr. Kenneth Kaunda turns 95, it is now the right time to acknowledge his numerous achievements, which all deserve to be recorded in the most glorious golden chapters in the annals of African history.

Indeed, Africa owes a special moment of gratitude to the Republic of Zambia and its people for allowing its most favoured son to have undertaken such leadership in the troubled world. Today the whole of the African continent is free thanks to his tireless contributions and unwavering support.

I therefore wish Your Excellency Dr. Kenneth Kaunda personal good health, strength and energy to enjoy your birthday with a sense of fulfilment and happiness.

In conclusion, please join me in wishing His Excellency Dr. Kenneth Kaunda a happy 95th Birthday!
I thank you!