



**STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY COMRADE
DR SAM NUJOMA, FOUNDING PRESIDENT
AND FATHER OF THE NAMIBIAN NATION,
ON THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL INAUGURATION OF THE PALACE
AND PRESENTATION OF THE KING OF ONGANDJERA TO THE NAMIBIAN
COMMUNITY**

26 SEPTEMBER 2015

**KING'S PALACE, UUKWANDONGO VILLAGE
ONGANDJERA**

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Director of Ceremonies;
Omusimanekwa Tatekulu Johannes Mupiya, Omukwaniilwa
gwaNgandjera;
Honourable Ministers and Deputy Ministers present;
Honourable Members of Parliament present;
Honourable Governor of Omusati Region, Comrade Erick
Endjala and other Governors present;
Honourable Regional and Local Authority Councillors;
Your Excellencies, Members of the Diplomatic Corps;
Omusimanekwa Tatekulu Elifas Kauluma, Omukwaniilwa
gwaNdonga and Chairperson of the Traditional Council;
Omusimanekwa Tatekulu Josia Shikongo, Omukwaniilwa
gUukwaluudhi;
Omusimanekwa Meekulu Mwadinomho, Ohamba
yUukwanyama;
Omusimanekwa Tatekulu Herman lipumbu, gwElelo
lyUukwambi;
Omusimanekwa Tatekulu Oswin Mukulu, gwElelo
lyaMbalanhu;
Omusimanekwa Tatekulu Daniel Shooya, gwElelo
lyaUukolonkadhi;
Omusimanekwa Tatekulu Mathias Walaula, gwElelo
laMbandja;
Aasimanekwa Omalenga ayehe and all Traditional Authorities
present;
Distinguished Captains of Industry and Business Community;
Distinguished Spiritual Leaders;
Distinguished Invited Guests;
Members of the Media;
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am delighted to join you at this momentous occasion in celebration of the Official Inauguration of the Palace of Ongandjera Traditional Authority and presentation of Omukwaniilwa gwaNgandjera, Omusimanekwa Tatekulu Johannes Mupiya, here at Uukwandongo, Omusati Region.

Indeed, after the enthronement of Omukwaniilwa *-alala oshilongo*, and his coronation and anointing *–okugwayeka*, he was handed over, as a symbol of power, the royal insignia consisting of the royal girdles (*Omiya dhoshilongo*), the dagger of honour (*omwele goshipika*); the royal bows and arrows (*uutati niikuti yoshilongo*); the royal knob-kierie (*ondhimbo yoshilongo*); and the royal iron whistle (*ohiya yoshilongo*). The actual coronation was done when the new king was anointed with fat from the lion mixed with ochre to anoint the new king (*okugwayeka*).

Against this background, it is important for us to preserve and promote our cultural values, traditional norms and heritage is in order to mould our national identity. In this regard, I believe that as an African country, we must encourage our children to appreciate and develop interest in our cultural values and traditional norms.

Director of Ceremonies;

As you have seen from the history that was narrated, our people have always worked together and remained united. I am therefore disappointed to hear about border disputes between and among various traditional authorities. These

disputes have the potential to set our people against one another if not handled properly.

Let us solve our disputes amicably and through proper channels such as the Council of Traditional Authorities which, among others, has the mandate to advise the government on matters pertaining to traditional issues.

In conclusion, I wish Omukwaniilwa Gwetu GwaNgandjera, Tatekulu Johannes Mupiya, wisdom and a long life as he continues to lead his people to prosperity!

Last but not least, I urge our people to remain united, because as I always say; *A people United, striving to achieve common good for all members of the society, will always emerge victorious!*

Long Live our Culture!
Long Live Ongandjera Traditional Authority!
Long Live the Republic of Namibia!

I thank you.