



ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. SAM  
NUJOMA, FOUNDING PRESIDENT AND FATHER OF THE  
NAMIBIAN NATION, ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
CONFERMENT OF THE ORDER OF THE FRANCISCO DE  
MIRANDA, FIRST CLASS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, H.E. NICOLÁS  
MADURO MOROS

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Director of Proceedings;  
Your Excellency, Nicolás Maduro, President of Venezuela;  
Honourable Jorge Arreaza, Minister of the People's Power for Foreign Relations of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela;  
Your Excellency Joaquim Chissano, Former President of Mozambique;  
Honourable Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation;  
Honourable Oppah Muchinguri, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Zimbabwe;  
Honourable Luzia Inglés Van-Dúnem, Secretary-General of the Organisation for Angolan Women;  
Comrade Duma Moses Nkosi, President of the Oliver and Adelaide Tambo Foundation;  
Your Excellency, Omar Paredes, Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela;  
Distinguished Invited Guests;  
Members of the Media;  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am humbled to have been selected as a recipient of the Order of Francisco de Miranda, in its First Class.

I understand that this national honor was created to recognize Venezuelan citizens and all those who have exemplified outstanding merits.

I thank you for this honour, which is named after a selfless revolutionary whose deeds will never be forgotten.

I accept this Award with humility on behalf of the Namibian people and other progressive people of the world, especially those who stood in solidarity with us during our liberation struggle for freedom and genuine independence.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate my fellow nominees for this award.

I do not believe that this Order of Francisco de Miranda is only intended as a commendation for matters that have happened in the past. This is also an appeal from all those, throughout the world, who are seeking an end to all forms of injustices and oppression.

Namibia will always be in support of constructive and cooperative international dialogue with full regard for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and equality of nations in the interest of harmonious co-existence, peace and cooperation.

I therefore wish to dedicate this award to the people of our two countries who, while separated by distance, are united in their fight against injustices.

Once again, I accept this honour as it will consolidate the already existing good relations between the Republic of Namibia and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and indeed with the entire African continent.

I thank you.