



18 August 2022

His Excellency  
Comrade Dr. Hifikepunye Pohamba  
Former President of the Republic of Namibia  
Okanghudi  
**OHANGWENA REGION**

Comrade President,

### **ON YOUR EXCELLENCY'S MILESTONE 87TH BIRTHDAY**

On this significant day of 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022, allow me, on behalf of the Veterans of the Liberation Struggle, the Nujoma Family, and indeed on my own behalf, to convey warmest congratulations to Your Excellency Dr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, Former President of the Republic of Namibia and of the SWAPO Party, on your 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday in the company of Madam Penexupifo Pohamba, the family and friends.

It is cause for celebration to have reached this milestone of your 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday which reflects your determination to soldier on in the face of challenges and symbolises achievement and success but also strength, endurance and wisdom.

Indeed, Your Excellency has distinguished yourself as a statesman and a visionary leader who has left an indelible stamp in our country's history. I express my deep regard to Your Excellency for a life that embodies the virtues of courage, loyalty, inclusiveness, hard-work, perseverance, humility and more. Such is a thumbnail sketch of your unique chemistry of attributes, personality, as well as your character.

Your Excellency's life was geneologically and ontogenetically characterized by difficult challenges that shaped your assertive and remarkable resilience and greatness.

No wonder, therefore, that a few minutes after your birth, on 18 August 1935, you were given the illustrious and also fatidic name of Hifikepunye that means "I am not your equal".

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The assertive nature of the name “Hifikepunye” and its patronymics “Pohamba” does not only mean “I am not your equal before the majesty” but it also means “I belong to the class of the majesties”.

You are indeed imbued with ethical, indomitable and enduring spirit and your actions posture and reflect values of obedience, loyalty, courage and determination, but also the virtue of forgiveness and humility, including endowed with wit and humour.

I therefore extend considerations of my highest esteem to Your Excellency and wish you best wishes for good health, unparalleled longevity and many happy returns of the day.

Congratulations once again on this milestone.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sam Nujoma', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sam Nujoma  
**FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**