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Comrade Xi Jinping
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**RE: MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY TO THE 20TH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST
PARTY OF CHINA (CPC)**

In this year marking the 73rd Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and on this joyful occasion of the 20TH National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Veterans of our National Liberation Struggle, the Sam Nujoma Foundation and indeed on my own behalf, to send warm and fraternal greetings and wish the Communist Party of China (CPC) a very successful 20th National Congress.

I further take this opportunity to reaffirm our solidarity with the Chinese people and our commitment to deepening relations between our two People's and Parties.

The Communist Party of China (CPC) is a longstanding supporter of the liberation movements in Africa, including our own National Liberation Struggle. Our indissoluble bonds of friendship were forged in the crucible of the struggle when the CPC gave its support variously to SWAPO. It is thus with fond memories that we recollect when we were taught the 16-word principle of Chairman Mao when he said that "*when the enemy advances, we retreat; when the enemy stays, we harass; when the enemy gets tired, we attack; when the enemy runs away, we chase*".

In this regard, we are immensely grateful for the political, material and moral support the Communist Party of China (CPC) and peoples have rendered to SWAPO until the attainment of our freedom and genuine independence on the 21st March 1990.

Indeed, this is a very historic landmark National Congress for the CPC as it was tasked with mapping the way forward for the Party and the Chinese people in order to make the party more vigorous and stronger.

I am certain that the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) will fully review the major achievements made and valuable experience gained in China's reform and development endeavours. Similarly, the CPC will formulate programmes of action and overarching policies on the journey ahead in the new era.

At this critical juncture, we can watch with great pride the historical changes in China's national construction and people's livelihood over the past five to ten years and sense the strong power of H.E. Comrade General Secretary Xi Jinping's thought on Socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era.

Indeed, the Communist Party of China, under H.E. Comrade General Secretary Xi Jinping, has worked with full strength to build a moderately prosperous society in all respects, boosted high-quality development and has taken swift yet steady steps in advancing reforms.

Nevertheless, this congress is taking place at a time when our world is facing its greatest tests and we must work together to develop effective responses to the current challenges which are diverse, immense, yet interconnected. It is for this reason that some have referred to this moment as a key turning point in history.

We must act immediately to protect the environment and the world we live in, for ourselves and for future generations. Whilst Africa is the least responsible for the climate crisis, it finds itself at the epicentre of its worst impacts. We should therefore emerge from COP27, in Egypt, with an agreement that contains enhanced and balanced actions on adaptation, mitigation and financing. This must take into account our common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.

I agree with those who are saying our world is divided. Divides are growing deeper. Inequalities are growing wider. Challenges are spreading farther. We are in rough seas and we need action across the board and yet we are in an impasse while crises threaten the very future of humanity and the fate of our planet. However, for Namibia, the real inflection point will be attending fully to the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality.

This year also marks the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the mainland safeguarded by "one country, two systems" principle.

In this regard, the CPC has demonstrated their steadfast resolve and strong confidence in defending China's sovereignty and territorial integrity through the issues concerning Taiwan, Xinjiang and Hong Kong.

Indeed, no global structure of peace can be stable and secure unless all parties recognize others' legitimate security and strategic interests if the current brewing crises are to be resolved peacefully.

The world's very survival depends on prudence, diplomacy, and compromise by all sides and not on organising alliances, building up weaponry, trash-talking others through the relentless narrative that some are noble while others are evil.

Against this background, the 20th National Congress of the CPC could not have come at a more opportune moment when the need has never been greater than it is today for all progressive forces around the globe to unite and speak with one voice.

Thus, the 20th National Congress of the CPC is not only of significance to the Chinese people, but to all progressive forces globally. We therefore await and eagerly look forward to the resolutions of the 20th National Congress.

In conclusion, I wish the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, all delegates to the 20th National Congress, all members of the Chinese Communist Party, and in fact every citizen of China successful deliberations during the course of the National Congress and a resounding success in your plans and endeavours.

Long Live the Indissoluble Bonds of Friendship between the Communist Party of China and the SWAPO Party!

Long Live the Comradeship between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Namibia!

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