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SUBJECT: H.E. DR. SAM NUJOMA'S 95TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Celebrating a leader of all seasons - the Founding President of the Republic of Namibia and the Father of the Namibian Nation as well as the Leader of the Namibian Revolution, H.E. Dr Sam Shafiishuna Nujoma at 95.

The Founding President Dr Sam Nujoma will turn 95 years old on the 12 May 2024. This is indeed a milestone worth celebrating.

In this regard, join the Sam Nujoma Foundation in celebrating the luminous journey of a titan, the Founding Father of the Namibian Nation, the Commander in Chief of the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN) and the first President of the Republic of Namibia, H.E. Dr. Sam Shafiishuna Nujoma, as he marks his remarkable 95th voyage around the sun!

Born in the crucible of the pre-colonial era, under an oppressed system, he emerged as a beacon of hope to the entire Namibian Nation and world at large, guided by the sacred flame of unity.

Born to Tatekulu Daniel Uutoni Nujoma and Meekulu Helvi Mpingana Kondombolo on the 12 May 1929 and hailing from Aakwanangombe, his paternal clan and Aakwambashu, his maternal clan, from the pathways of Uukwambi Royal Family and Ongandjera Royal Palace where he was raised, to exile and the hallowed halls of sovereignty, his life's symphony sings of resilience and selflessness, echoing across nations and generations as he tirelessly fought for freedom and justice in solidarity with other gallant freedom fighters of our motherland.

His journey into the unknown in exile was brought about by his deep passion for politics and yearning to see his people free from the restricted pass law system and confined ethnic groups which led to the formation of Owamboland Peoples Organisation (OPO), the forerunner of SWAPO, for which he was elected in absentia as its Founding President on the 19th of April 1960.

With unwavering devotion, he sculpted the tapestry of our nation's destiny, painting hues of selfless sacrifice and fortitude. In the face of adversity, he stood firm as an unwavering sentinel, forging a path to liberation, where every step was adorned with the essence of self-reliance and capacity building through acts of voluntary service towards nation building.

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From the scars of oppression to the triumph of freedom, he navigated the labyrinth of history, leading with an indomitable spirit, igniting flames of courage in the hearts of the oppressed. In the crucible of the struggle, he kindled the fire of diversity - always reminding us of our common purpose and common destiny, weaving a mosaic of cultures into the fabric of our identity as a nation.

During his lifetime, Dr Sam Nujoma was bestowed with numerous honours and awards for his outstanding leadership, courage and total commitment towards the creation of a non-racial society in Namibia.

Worth noting, Dr Sam Nujoma distinguished himself when he launched the Namibian Modern Struggle on the 26 of August 1966 and led our long and protracted armed liberation struggle with a majestic sense of purpose to its successful conclusion when our PLAN combatants victoriously arrived in Windhoek soaked in blood and sweat and we attained our freedom and genuine independence on the 21st March 1990.

Against this background, he has been conferred the title of Founding Father of the Namibian Nation by Act 16 of 2005 of the Namibian Parliament and bestowed the title of Leader of the Namibian Revolution by the SWAPO Party 4th Congress of 2007 for his selfless sacrifices, unwavering commitment and service to humanity.

As we honor his legacy, let us not only rejoice in his achievements but also heed his timeless call to unity of purpose and action for the sake of Namibia. Let our deeds be the candles that illuminate the path towards a brighter tomorrow, where unity reigns supreme, and the echoes of his wisdom resound for eternity.

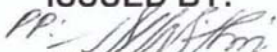
Dr. Sam Nujoma's life embodies unique attributes such as visionary leadership, respect for all, sacrifice, and shared commitment, a fostering of nationhood, development and empowerment and history will always remember him as an eternal testament to the power of the human spirit.

As the nation celebrates the birthday of the Founding President Dr Sam Nujoma, the Sam Nujoma Foundation wishes to request the Namibian Nation to engage in an act of selfless service through the demonstration of unity, resilience, self-reliance and capacity building efforts across the nation on the 12 May 2024.

Long Live the Founding President of the Republic of Namibia and the Father of the Namibian Nation as well as the Leader of the Namibian Revolution. Let us remember his call for unity when he always says;

"A people united, striving to achieve a common good for all the members of the society, will always emerge victorious!"

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