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Namibia: Congratulatory Messages

Elections took place in Namibia on 30 November -  
1 December 1999. The South West Africa Peoples Organisation  
(SWAPO), led by President Sam Nujoma, took 55 of the 72  
National Assembly seats.

Due to anomalies in the Namibian Parliamentary timetable,  
President Nujoma announced his new cabinet only on 20 March.

Although we have some concerns about President Nujoma's  
increasingly erratic and autocratic tendencies, the Prime  
Minister, Hage Geingob, is a steady advocate of economic and  
political reform.

A short message from the Prime Minister would be much  
appreciated.

... I enclose a draft message for delivery by the High  
Commission.

*Gaura over  
Andrew Patrick*

(Andrew Patrick)  
Private Secretary

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER OF NAMIBIA

1. Please pass the following personal message from the Prime Minister to the Rt Hon Hage Geingob. There will be no (no) signed original.

BEGINS

"I offer you my warm congratulations on your re-appointment as Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia following December's parliamentary elections. As Namibia begins its tenth year of independence, and as you shoulder your own particular responsibilities as Prime Minister, I wish you well and trust that your term will see a strengthening of the relationship between our two countries."

ENDS

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FOREIGN MINISTER: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

1. Please arrange for the following message from the Foreign Secretary to be conveyed to the Namibian Foreign Minister.

BEGINS

Please accept my warm congratulations on your re-appointment as Foreign Minister of the Republic of Namibia. I look forward to working closely with you and your Ministry on the many international issues we need to address together, as members both of the Security Council and the Commonwealth."

ENDS

2. There will be no (no) signed original.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

9 February 1998

*Dear Sam,*

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to attend the 1998 Southern Africa International Dialogue in Swakopmund. I am sure it will be a successful and interesting event. Unfortunately, the heavy pressures on my diary during our Presidency of the European Union and Chairmanship of the G8 mean that it will be impossible for me to visit Southern Africa for this event.

I know that Barbara Roche is hoping to attend to represent the British Government.

I wish the conference every success and hope there will be another occasion for us to meet before long.

*Yours sincerely  
Tony*

His Excellency Dr. Shafiishuna Samuel Nujoma

*de*



DCO TPMs



CC: JEH

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2 February 1998

(T)

Dear Philip

Namibia

President Nujoma has written to the Prime Minister inviting him to attend a conference on 'Smart Partnerships' in Namibia in July.

... I attach a short draft letter declining the invitation.

Yours ever

Andrew Patrick

(Andrew Patrick))  
Private Secretary

Philip Barton Esq OBE  
10 Downing Street



H.E. Sam Nujoma  
President of the Republic of Namibia  
Windhoek

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I know that Barbara Roche is hoping to attend and represent the British Government.

I wish the conference all success, and I hope there will be another occasion for us to meet before long.

THE RT HON TONY BLAIR MP





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## HIGH COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

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The High Commission for the Republic of Namibia presents its compliments to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and has the honour to forward the attached letter addressed to the Right Honourable Tony Blair, Prime Minister from His Excellency Dr. Sam Nujoma, President of the Republic of Namibia.

The High Commission shall further appreciate if the letter could be forwarded to its highest destination.

The High Commission for the Republic of Namibia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office the assurances of its highest consideration.

**London**

Thursday, January 15, 1998

Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
London SW1A





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Republic of Namibia  
The President

State House  
Windhoek

Ref.: 1/4/1/1

15 December 1997

The Right Honourable  
Mr Tony Blair  
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of  
Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
LONDON

Dear Right Honourable Prime Minister

On behalf of the Patrons and Advisors of the second Southern Africa International Dialogue, I have the honour to extend an invitation to Your Right Honourable to participate in the 1998 International Dialogue on "Smart Partnership" (SAID' 98), which will be held from 26 to 29 July 1998 in Swakopmund, Namibia. The first such regional Dialogue was held in Kasane, Botswana, in May 1997. Both Dialogues build on the experiences of three successful Langkawi International Dialogues held in Malaysia in 1995, 1996 and 1997 respectively, as well as on the Barbados International Dialogue for Small States held in Barbados in 1996.

SAID'98, like its forerunner SAID'97 and the parallel Langkawi and Barbados International Dialogues, will bring together leaders of Government, Business, Labour as well as other key stakeholders from different parts of the world to discuss how the "Smart Partnership" approach can be applied to create wealth in their countries. Approximately 350 delegates are expected to participate in the Dialogue.

The "Smart Partnership" concept is based on the principle of win-win and prosper-thy-neighbour. This means that key stakeholders in the economy, namely Governments, private sector organisations, trade unions and individuals must work together on a cooperative basis to achieve long-term mutually beneficial gains. The end-result is that all will prosper.



It was agreed that the four Joint Patrons of SAID'97 (Botswana, Malawi, Namibia and Zimbabwe) will host the 1998 Southern Africa International Dialogue while the 14 SADC Heads of State will sponsor the event. In addition, the Patron and Advisor of the Langkawi International Dialogue, Dr Mahathir Mohamad, will play an active role to ensure the success of the Dialogue.

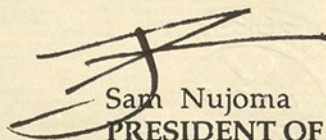
We have invited key private sector leaders from the Southern African Region and we would welcome any suggestions you may have for other prospective private sector participants. We also hope that you will bring the relevant Minister responsible for Trade and Investment in your country.

The Southern Africa International Dialogue aims to achieve the following:

- a) To strengthen networks among private sectors in Southern Africa in order to enhance investment in and across the region;
- b) To project Southern Africa to the international business community as a prosperous growth area;
- c) To enhance working relationships between Governments, and among Governments and the private sector in Southern Africa, in an effort to facilitate accelerated investment and growth;
- d) To strengthen person to person contact and trust among people in the region and beyond;
- e) To create opportunities for business networking between the region and other parts of the world.
- f) To share experiences on specific Smart Partnership issues relevant to the current socio-political and business environment in Southern Africa.

Against this background, I would be most grateful if Your Right Honourable could confirm your participation in the Dialogue to me at your earliest convenience.

Please accept, Right Honourable Prime Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Sam Nujoma  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA







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7 May 1997

GR pls ⊕ for PM's signature

Philip

Dear Philip

Message to the Prime Minister of Namibia

The Prime Minister of Namibia, Mr Hage Geingob, sent a message of congratulations to the Prime Minister on taking office. As Mr Geingob will be visiting Britain from this evening until 13 May, you agreed that the Prime Minister might send a signed letter in reply, which should be delivered via the Namibian High Commission. I attach a draft.

Although Mr Geingob is the Prime Minister, it is likely that Namibia will be represented at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting by President Nujoma. Mr Geingob is here on a private visit, connected with his intention to do a Doctorate from Leeds University. He is likely to visit the UK regularly for this purpose. He had asked for a call on the Prime Minister or Deputy Prime Minister during this visit, but we have explained to the Namibian High Commissioner that this is not possible. The draft reply holds out the prospect of a suitable call during a later visit.

Yours ever,

Fiona

(Fiona Mylchreest)  
Private Secretary

Philip Barton Esq  
10 Downing Street



DRAFT LETTER FOR THE PRIME MINISTERS SIGNATURE TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF NAMIBIA

HE Mr Hage Geingob  
c/o High Commission for the Republic of Namibia  
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~~Welcome to Britain!~~

~~I~~ wanted also to thank you for your letter of 2 May. I am very grateful for your congratulations and best wishes. I ~~look forward to working with you and with President Nujoma to~~ <sup>hope we can work together</sup> strengthen further the good relations between Britain and Namibia. I also look forward to cooperating with you in our efforts to eradicate poverty in Africa and <sup>to</sup> promote sustainable development.

I regret that it has not been possible to arrange a meeting with me or <sup>one of</sup> my ministerial colleagues during your visit, <sup>also</sup> soon after the start of our time in office, (I understand that you may be visiting the United Kingdom regularly ~~however,~~ <sup>we are all extremely busy.</sup> ~~however,~~ and I hope that a suitable meeting can be arranged in the future.

in the years ahead.

I am sure you will understand that,

I wanted to write both to welcome you to Britain and



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