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PRESS RELEASE:

The following are texts of a letter and telegram sent to the United National Independence Party (UNIP) and His Excellency President Kenneth D. Kaunda on the occasion of their victory in the first post-independence general election in Zambia:-

Mr. Mainza Chena,  
The Secretary-General,  
United National Independence Party,  
Freedom House,  
Stanley Road,  
LUSAKA. Zambia.

22nd Dec., 1968.

Dear Brother,

On the occasion of the re-election of His Excellency President Kenneth D. Kaunda to a second term of office at helm of UNIP Government, we wish to extend to His Excellency, to UNIP and to all members of the Government our SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS.

We have followed the election campaign with deep interest and have drawn inspiration and strength from the consistent and morally upright manner in which President Kaunda and all candidates resolutely stated UNIP's rejection of any form of compromise with the White minority dictatorial regimes of Rhodesia, South Africa, Mozambique, Angola and Namibia.

By championing the liberation struggle of the oppressed people of Southern Africa, UNIP has once more demonstrated to the White racists, to all opportunists and to the entire revolutionary movement in the world that UNIP places moral and ethical values above material gain; that the people of Zambia under the incomparable leadership of President Kaunda and his comrades-in-arms in the Government and Party are revolutionaries dedicated to the cause of human freedom and social justice.

The White racist regimes that surround Zambia will be well-advised to take the re-election of UNIP to power as a massive demonstration of the determination of the Zambian Nation to continue with the progress achieved under UNIP without fear of any threats of war or an invasion from the White racists. This first post-independence general election in Zambia has clearly established the justness of the demand of the oppressed people in Southern Africa that they are ready and capable of governing themselves in a non-racial, democratic, and human manner as UNIP has done since independence. We are sure that the nation-building started by UNIP will now enter a new and higher phase for the good of all the Zambian people.

We trust that the enemies of Zambia - the White racist regimes - will heed the lesson of the landslide victory of UNIP and take seriously the resolve and determination of the Zambian people to defend their hard-won freedom.

The achievements of UNIP are a tremendous contribution to the

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cause of Africa which has for so many centuries suffered the humiliation of colonial oppression and exploitation. We wish you greater achievements in the struggle that still lie ahead in rebuilding Zambia on the basis of HUMANISM.

Long Live UNIP

Long Live the Cause of FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE!

DUMA NOKWE  
Secretary-General

TELEGRAM:

H.E. President K.D. Kaunda,  
State House,  
LUSAKA. Zambia.

Your Excellency,

On behalf of struggling oppressed people South Africa we heartily congratulate you on re-election to Presidency of Zambia. Tremendous progress and achievements of Zambia under your leadership and UNIP Government since attainment of independence constitutes an everlasting challenge to the White minority racist regimes whose policies based on apartheid and White domination; STOP

May your new term of office bring more successes to the hard-working Zambian nation that will always inspire liberation movements to fight on to victory STOP

South African National Congress draws strength and courage from your support of freedom struggle throughout Southern Africa STOP Wishing you UNIP and Government success.

OLIVER TAMBO  
African National Congress  
Of South Africa