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JOINT STATEMENT BY HIS MAJESTY MOSHOESHOE II,
KING OF LESOTHO, AND HIS EXCELLENCY CHIEF THE
HONOURABLE LEABUA JONATHAN, PRIME MINISTER OF
THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

1. His Majesty King Moshoeshoe II and His Excellency Chief the Honourable Leabua Jonathan Prime Minister of Lesotho, met at the Palace at 10.30 this morning. The King and the Prime Minister agreed to make this joint statement, which is intended primarily for the people of Lesotho.

2. Yesterday afternoon, in accordance with the advice of the College of Chiefs and Cabinet Ministers, a peaceful settlement of Lesotho's constitutional crisis was reached. One of the terms of the settlement was that in future the King would conduct the affairs of state strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

3. The King and the Prime Minister both appeal to all political parties and to the Nation as a whole to work hence-forth for the preservation of peace and the prosperity of the country. They both strongly counsel all political parties to recognise the fact that the lawfully constituted Government of the country is determined to maintain law and order and improve the economy; and it is vital that Government should be given a fair chance to do so. This does not in any way preclude criticism and lawful opposition. It does preclude violence and unlawful subversion.

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