

conducive to the full realization of these potential benefits. As I have often done in the past, I would like to invite once more the Leader of the Opposition to join hands with me in creating these conditions.

I also wish to emphasize that I will have to rely heavily on the civil servants to formulate, process and eventually execute all our top priority projects. My policy is that civil servants must be given maximum scope to exercise their skills for the development of Lesotho within the framework of Government policy. I believe that we must tap all our resources and this includes the full utilization of our young, highly qualified Basotho civil servants, of whom there are now an increasing number. Let me be clear and specific on this point. Unlike the policies of the former regime, which relegated these young men and women to positions which were in no way related to their training and skills thereby leading to wastage and personal frustrations, I want to declare here and now that they must be placed within the service in accordance with their training in those positions in which they can best serve their country. Placement according to training and technical qualifications will not only facilitate our development efforts, but also speed up our localization of those posts in which we already have many qualified Basotho.

In conclusion, we would like to let all our friends abroad know that we appreciate their friendship and co-operation. I have no doubt that I am speaking on behalf of you all, when I say that we cherish the same friendship for them as they do for us and that we believe that in this spirit of friendship we can work together for the promotion of world peace.

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