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ON
LESOTHO SPORTS

I feel compelled to avail myself of this opportunity to say a few words - firstly, to thank the Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs, who is also responsible for sports in Lesotho, for the enthusiasm he has shown in the success and praiseworthy progress of sports.

I must also express my heartfelt thanks to the President of the Lesotho Sports Association, Mr. Khetla Rakhethla; his Deputy Mr. Kobeli; the Secretary-General, Mr. Sello; and the members of the Committee as a whole, for the successful and inspiring organisation of sports and the spirit of sportsmanship they have fostered throughout the country.

Moreover, I wish to thank and congratulate all the various Clubs of the Association participating in various games - soccer, tennis, athletics, and so on, for the active zealousness displayed by all participants on the field of play in raising the standard of games to the level of qualifying for international competitions; and also in maintaining a fine spirit of sportsmanship which will place the name of Lesotho on the map of the world in international games.

Let us remember that the gracefulness and attractiveness of sport is not only to excel in points, but it is also to entertain spectators by showing good sportsmanship; but should any one of these virtues be lacking, spectators are apt to despair and lose interest.

May I conclude by assuring the Lesotho Sports Association and all the Sports Clubs that Government is prepared to assist in every way possible, if so requested, and on condition that we remain united, notwithstanding the diverse types of games and players from all parts of the country. What is important, eventually, is to appreciate the fact that our objective is to represent Lesotho in all these forms of sport under one Lesotho Sports Association.