

SPEECH BY THE HONOURABLE THE PRIME MINISTER,
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YOUR MAJESTY, KING MOSHOESHOE II, MR. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER,
HONOURABLE MINISTERS, CIVIL SERVANTS AND ALL WHO ARE PRESENT
HERE:

In all humility and respect, as your servant, I would like to express my feelings of gratitude for the warm welcome you have given me. My trip to Zambia, Nationalist China and South Korea has been successful beyond my expectations and those of my entourage. The trip to Zambia was arranged by President Kaunda, Head of State in Zambia. He was there in person to welcome me. There were also present his Deputy, Ministers, Civil Servants, Ambassadors of accredited countries and the people of Zambia in large numbers. They all showed their enthusiasm by waving Lesotho flags and by singing traditional songs.

Above all, I would like to assure you that all countries in Africa are well disposed towards you; you have sympathetic friends even as far as the Far East where I have been. All the peoples of Africa expect is that - now that Lesotho is independent - we should all work hard together to develop the economic map of our countries. This has become the motto of all the political leaders. Even in Zambia where I have been, wherever we went President Kaunda spoke to multitudes of his people and told them there was no time for political heckling; that the time had come to work for the welfare of the people.

I feel it is my duty to repeat this message to my people here. We have no time to waste on anything but work. Everyone should work hard wherever he may be and this, I can assure you, is the only way to progress. I also wish to tell you that President Kaunda has presented me with valuable gifts, which I would show you, except that they are among my luggage. Apart from this, President Kaunda has assured me that if we wished to send anyone to Zambia - be it civil servant or Minister of Government, we are welcome to do so. In addition, civil servants, traders, soccerites and all people in their various occupations will be welcome to visit that country to exchange ideas with the people of Zambia. Such visits would of course be arranged on a footing of proper consultation.

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