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SPEECH BY THE HONOURABLE THE PRIME MINISTER  
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It is unfortunate that whilst the majority of our people do all they can do develop and improve this country, others delight in trying to turn back the clock and hinder progress by causing these developmental projects to become abortive, while yet expecting to be elected into power at the next general elections. The Opposition Parties here in Lesotho do not only sabotage the people's achievements but also show by their actions that their leaders and supporters have lost all hope of ever becoming the government. All they can do now is to destroy whatever efforts are being made to develop and further the progress of this country towards the goal of a brighter future. This is further evidenced by defamatory statements made by these leaders when it would be far more advantageous to their cause if they were to tackle the problems facing this country.

Lesotho is a very small and poor country and for a long time to come she cannot be expected to be self-sufficient. She will have to depend on more powerful, friendly countries. It is for this reason that Governments' policy must be to seek and maintain warm relationships with her immediate neighbours and with the British Government, which is still assisting us financially in order to keep the wheels of our Government running. Furthermore, we look forward to deepening our friendship with the United States of America, the Federal Republic of Germany, Israel, the Nationalist Republic of China, Southern Korea, the Republics of Zambia, Malawi, Kenya, and with all countries with which we already have friendly contacts - too many to be unenumerated here - because we know it is through these friendships that we shall be able to overcome the problems facing us.

Nevertheless, the Opposition forces do not seem to subscribe to our policy of co-existence; they do not seem to realise that Lesotho needs friends; that it would be the acme of stupidity for Lesotho to make enemies of our neighbouring countries and other countries of the world. Here again, the Opposition forces do not put forward their suggestions as to how Lesotho can survive as a nation and progress to prosperity without making friends...../2.