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SPEECH BY THE HONOURABLE THE PRIME MINISTER ON
THE DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT AND THE APPOINTMENT
OF A GENERAL ELECTION DATE

BROADCAST ON THURSDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER,
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On the 4th October this year, at the independence celebrations pitso held at Maseru, I promised that I would, at the appropriate time and in terms of our Constitution, advise His Majesty the King to dissolve Parliament so that a General Election of Members of the National Assembly may be held.

This I have now done, and I have pleasure in informing the Nation that His Majesty the King has dissolved Parliament with effect from 7th November, 1969, and that he has, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, appointed Tuesday, 27th January, 1970 as the day on which the General Election will be held.

In order to prepare for elections, the Government has decided to suspend the registration of electors with effect from the 8th November, 1969. Provisional electors' lists have been available for inspection by members of the public and political parties for nearly two months. There has therefore been sufficient time for inspection of the lists and the submission of objections. During the suspension of the registration of electors no further applications for registration of electors and objections can be entertained.

All that remains to be fixed is the date for the nomination of candidates and as soon as circumstances permit the Government will make an announcement in this regard.

I wish to take this opportunity however of reminding you all of certain important facts relating to a general election. To begin with, those of you who

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