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SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR
ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF
AMITY BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE
KINGDOM OF LESOTHO, AT MASERU, ON SUNDAY, 21ST
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MR. PRIME MINISTER:

The Republic of China and the Kingdom of Lesotho are peace and freedom loving countries and have been always ready to support every international effort directed towards the strengthening of international peace and security. It is upon this background that our two countries share a common cause in upholding human dignity, freedom, justice and democracy, and in defeating the evil forces of communism. Mr. Prime Minister, you have just very well and correctly pointed out that humanity and justice will defeat communism if all free men do their utmost to protect their freedom.

Mr. Prime Minister, the Chinese Government and people find in you, in your Government and in your people a staunch and faithful ally in the fight against communism which aims at the destruction of the very ideals and principles that the United Nations Charter prescribes and that all freedom loving peoples stand for. I must, on behalf of the Chinese Government and people, offer my sincere thanks for your pledge of continued interest of your Government in the affairs of the Republic of China at the United Nations and for those high sentiments you have just expressed for the Republic of China.

Lesotho is going through a most trying period - a struggle against natural difficulties, both geographical and climatic, towards national construction. The Chinese Government and people have followed with profound admiration the development and growth of Lesotho under Your Excellency's able leadership since independence. We share the joy of your achievements and we are pleased to have been able to add towards your development a little contribution, although in a small way, but the friendship and the heart behind it are warm and great. Mr. Prime Minister, I can assure you that the Republic of China shall continue to do her small part as best as she can in an atmosphere of sincere cordiality, reciprocal respect and mutual understanding. May the noble country of Lesotho achieve her object of national development and attain her viable economy within the shortest period of time.

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