

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE PRIME MINISTER'S

NEW YEAR MESSAGE

I am grateful once more to have the opportunity to wish you a peaceful New Year blessed with showers of Good Luck.

As we enter the New Year I begin with a Prayer of thankfulness to the Creator of all who cared for us during the last year. We further thank God Almighty for all the assistance He gave us during the ten years of the independence of our country.

You will recall that at the beginning of 1976, we resolved that from January to December of that year, every Mosotho, both the young and the old would be dedicated and pledged to demonstrate in a real manner what effort he was prepared to make in the development of his country. My Government and I agreed at the time that visible landmarks should be erected to mark our achievements over the ten years of our independence. We rounded off the year with the celebrated occasion of the anniversary of our ten years of independence. The climax was reached when a resolution was passed by the Security Council at the United Nations that Lesotho should be given financial aid and expertise to make its economy viable in view of the precarious conditions under which we live. I avail myself of this occasion to express my sincerest thanks and that of my Government to all of my people throughout the length and breadth of our country for the excellent celebration which you performed with dignity and dedication, giving Lesotho a good reputation to the distinguished guests we had invited to join us in the celebrations.

Having made this point, it is appropriate to remind you briefly once more the bases and stages we managed to establish over the ten years of the independence of our country.

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