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ON INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA

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On the historic and happy occasion of Namibia's accession to independence and nationhood, the OAU extends its heartiest felicitations to His Excellency Comrade **Sam Nujoma**, First President of the Republic of Namibia, the Government and People of Namibia. The hearts and minds of all Africans are with their compatriots in Namibia on this memorable and joyous occasion which is the fruit of years of bitter struggle and sacrifices by the Namibian people.

The independence of Namibia is also the crowning of decades of unremitting struggle by the OAU against colonialism and racism. The OAU looks forward to welcoming the new nation into its fold as the fifty-first member of the Organization.

While the occasion serves as cause for jubilation, it also serves as a reminder to the manifold problems that will confront the newly independent State of Namibia. It is in this connection that the OAU renews its appeal to the international community to render financial, material and technical assistance to enable Namibia to consolidate its independence.

The OAU takes the opportunity to reaffirm the principle of the indivisibility of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Namibia. In that connection, the Walvis-Bay and the surrounding Islands form an integral part of Namibia whose borders extend to the Orange River. The OAU calls on the international community to lend all possible support to the Government of independent Namibia in its efforts to recover its territory from South Africa.