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Polelo Ea ‘Muso Mabapi le Boemo ba Tumellano ea Bobeli ea Selekane sa Mongoaha-Kholo sa Amerika

(Second Compact of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC))

‘Muso o hlokometse ka ho makala mafosisa a ntseng a hasanngoa likoranteng le li-ea-le-moeeng ke baphatlalatsi le Makhotla a itseng a Bohanyetsi libekeng tsa ho feta, moo ho thoeng ‘Muso oa Amerika o entse qeto ea ho se nchafatse Tumellano ea Selekane sa Mongoaha-Kholo le Lesotho hobane ‘Muso oa Lesotho o nanara phethatsong ea Tlhopho-Bocha, e seng e tsejoa ka mekhahlelo eohle ea eona. Ha ho ‘nete hohang litabeng tseo.

Hoo e leng ‘nete ke hore lejoe la motheo la Tumellano ea Bobeli (Compact II) le behiloe ka Ts’itoe 2017, ‘me mosebetsi oa ho e phethahatsa o ntse o itsoella pele hantle; ha o eso khitle lejoe mothating ofe kapa ofe oa eo o e baletsoeng. Moifo oa ‘Muso oa Amerika oa Selekane sena o ntse o sebetsa le Setsi sa Lesotho sa Ts’ebetso ea Selekane ea Mongoaha-Kholo (Lesotho Millennium Development Agency – LMDA) se thehiloeng ka molao oa Paramente ke ‘Muso, ho liella likhala tsa ho qetela thomong ena. Ho fihlela joale ts’ebetso e se e fetile methati e latelang:

1. Lesotho le khethetsoe ho ba har’a linaha tse ts’oabetsoeng ho kenella Tumellano ea Bobeli ka Ts’itoe 2017, e le ha ‘Muso oa Amerika o ikholisitse hore ‘Muso oa Lesotho o ithukhubelitse ho busetsa Naha ena lipallong tsa Selekane sa Mongoaha-Kholo, tse akhang hlomphe ea Litokelo tsa Mantlha tsa Botho, puso ea molao e nenang bompoli likamanong tsa puso le sechaba kapa ho khesa batho ka lits’obotsi le lits’ekameloh mahlomg a molao, le puso e hloekileng.
2. Moifo oa Amerika o seng o boletsoe kaholimo, oa boemo bo phahameng, o se o ile oa etela Lesotho ho thakhola Tumellano ea Bobeli ka Hlakola 2018. Ka khoeli eona eno

Moifo oa Tlhahlobo ea Ts'ebetso oa Selekane sa Mongoaha-Kholo o fihlile kahar'a Naha, oa qeta libeke tse peli o sebetsa le bomphato'a boba ba Lesotho ho nyakurela lits'ita tsa kholo ea moruo oa Lesotho.

3. Ka 'Mesa 2018 lihlopha tsena tse peli li kopane hape Maseru ho phethela ts'ebetso ena. Ka la 1 Mots'eanong, 2018 Komiti ea Tsamaiso ea Matsete ea Selekane sa Mongoaha-Kholo e ile ea lula 'me ea hlohonolofatsa le ho ananela lethathamo la lintlha tse hloailoeng e le lits'ita kholong ea moruo.
4. Moifo oa Tlhahlobo ea Ts'ebetso oa Selekane sa Mongoaha-Kholo o hlahang Amerika o fihlile le ho lula Maseru ho tloha ka la 3 ho isa la 18 Mots'eanong 2018, o sebetsa le oa Lesotho ho nonya maikutlo a 'Muso, Bahoebi, Mekhatlo e Ikemetseng, Bapolotiki, le Marena mabapi le tsohle tse hlokoang ho phethahatsa Tumellano ea Bobeli. Ts'ebetso eohle ea ho finyeletsa tsena kaofela e mocheng, 'me Tumellano ea Bobeli e lebeletsoe ho tekeneloa maqalong a 2020.

Lipolelo tse reng Lesotho le chechiselitsoe morao mabapi le Tumellano ea Bobeli ha li na le tlhakunyana feela ea 'nete. Ho teng ke hore ts'ebetso ea ho lokisetsa phethelo e hloekileng ea Tumellano e kang ena e meepa le methinya e mengata, ho khotsofatsa bohle hore lits'iea le lipallo tsa eona, hammoho le lits'upo tsa khatelo-pele phihlellong ea tsona, li hlakela bohle ba amehang ka mokhoa o ts'oanang, molemong oa Lichaba tsa Linaha tsena tse peli.

KHOTOSO!!!! PULA!!!! NALA!!!!



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Statement of the Government on the Status of Lesotho's Second Compact Under the Millennium Challenge Corporation of The United States

The Government has noted with a measure of disappointment the misinformation being peddled by some Media houses and Opposition circles, to the effect that the United States Government has deferred the signature of the accession of Lesotho to the Second Compact of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), allegedly because of the Lesotho Government's unclear commitment to the implementation of National Reforms. There is not even an iota of truth to these claims, which are not even credited to any named sources.

Since its re-establishment in December 2017, the Compact II development has gone well, continues to go well and currently experiences no problem whatsoever. The MCC technical mission is currently working with the Lesotho team led by the Lesotho Millennium Development Agency (LMDA), an entity established legally by the Government of Lesotho. The process involves a number of discrete stages, and the conditions for their completion must all be comprehensively assessed and achieved before proceeding to succeeding ones. The process has so far effortlessly gone through the following stages and remains on track:

1. Lesotho was re-elected on 19th December 2017, as witness of the undoubted commitment of the Government to return Lesotho to unreserved observance of the Compact's conditions including enforcement of the rule of law, protection of human rights, and upholding good governance.
2. In February 2018, a high-level MCC Mission visited Lesotho to formally launch the Compact II development. In the same month of February 2018, the MCC Technical Mission visited and remained in Lesotho for two weeks working with the Lesotho Technical team on identifying the constraints to Lesotho's economic growth.

3. In April 2018, the same Technical teams from MCC and Lesotho respectively met in Maseru to conclude the constraints. On 1st May 2018, MCC's Investment Management Committee sat and approved the identified list of constraints to Lesotho's economic growth.
4. A Technical team from the MCC arrived and remained in Lesotho from 3rd May to 18th May 2018, working with its Lesotho counterpart engaging stakeholders from government, private sector, NGO's, the political sector and chiefs in developing of Compact II.

There is there no grain of truth to claims that the Compact II has been arrested in its tracks by unease of relations between the Governments of the US and Lesotho. The preparation of the Compact, which must take account of clear specification of its core pillars, facets, indices of progress and their measurement, is by definition a very taxing process; which is meant to protect the Compact's integrity and maximise its benefits to the People of the two Partner Countries. Lesotho is currently discharging all its obligations under the Compact, through the demonstrable cooperation of the MCC and LMDA teams, as stated above.

Khotso!!!! Khotso!!!! Nala!!!!