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**POLELO EA MOTLOTLEHI LETSIE III 'MOKENG OA NAHA OA LIJO  
KA LA 28 PHUPU, 2021**

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**MOHLOMPHEHI TONA KHOLO,**

**MOOKAMELI OA NTLO EA MAHOSANA,**

**MOTSAMAISI OA LIPUISANO KA NTLONG EA BAKHETHOA,**

**MOAHLOLI E MOHOLO,**

**MOHLOMPHEHI MOTLATSI OA TONA KHOLO,**

**BAHLOMPHEHI MATONA A KHABANE,**

**BAHLOMPHEHI LITHO TSA LEKHOTLA LA NAHA,**

**MOHLOMPHEHI MOETAPELE OA BOHANYETSI KA NTLONG EA  
BAKHETHOA,**

**BAHLOMPHEHI BAAHLOLI BA BAHOLO,**

**THEIR EXELLENCIES HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION AND  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS,**

**MARENA A SEHLOOHO,**



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**LITHO TSA NTLO EA BAKHETHOA,**

**BARUTI BA MOSHOESHOE,**

**BO MME LE BO NTATE,**

KEA LE LUMELISA LE HO LE AMOHELA. KE LEBOHA HA LE FUMANE SEBAKA SA HORE RE KOPANE MMOHO, KA MARANG-RANG, HO AROLELANA MAIKUTLO KA LITABA TSA TLHAHISO EA LIJO LE KANETSO EA TSONA. KE LEBOHA 'MUSO LE MEKHAHLELO EOHLE EA SECHABA E KENTSENG LETSOHO HO LOKISETSA 'MOKA ONA OA BOHLOKOA RURI.

MMOKA ONA O TSOETSOE KE KHOELETSO E ENTSOENG KE MONGOLI KAKARETSO OA MOKHATLO OA MACHABA A KOPANENG **(SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNITED NATIONS)** EO KA EONA A MEMANG BAETAPELE BA LINAHA LE MEBUSO HO KOPANA 'MOKENG OA LINAHA TSA LEFATŠE, KA KHOELI EA LOETSE SELEMONG SENA, HO BUISANA KA LITABA TSA LIJO KA SEPHEO SA HO FUMANA MEKHOA E MECHA EO LINAHA LI KA



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MATLAFATSANG TLHAHISO LE KANETSO EA LIJO MOLEMONG OA BOOHLE, ESITA LE MOLEMONG OA MELOKO E TLANG. MONGOLI KAKARETSO O NKA BOHATO BONA HOBANE A HLOKOMETSE HORE TŠEBELISO E NTLE EA LIJO LE PHEPO E NEPAHETSENG LI KA BA LE TŠUTŠUMETSO E KHOLO HORE LINAHA LI FIHLELE, KA NAKO, LIPEHELO TSE LESHOME LE METSO E SUPILENG (17) TSA NTŠETSO-PELE EA MOSHELELLA (**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**).

KE MOTLOTLO HORE EBE TSATSING LA KAJENO RE KOPANE KA SEPHEO SA HO KOPANYA LITHEKO MOKHAHLELONG OA LIPUISANO TSA RONA TSA NAHA HOLIMA TABA ENA EA BOHLOKOA. KE TSEBILE HORE HO BILE LE LIPUISANO HO TLOHA LITEREKENG; 'ME KE TŠEPO EA KA HORE MAIKUTLO A SECHABA A TLA AHELOA LESAKA E LE HORE MERALO LE LIKHOTHALETSO TSE TLA HLAHA 'MOKENG ONA E BE TSE TLA TSOALLA BASOTHO NAMANE E TŠEHALI LE HO TLISETSA NAHA EA RONA LITHOLOANA TSE HLABOSEHANG.



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KE LUMELA HORE KE TLA BE KE NEPILE HA KE RE KE TEBELLO EA  
RONA KAOFELA HORE LIPUISANO LE MEQOQO EA 'MOKA ONA LI  
TLA RE THUSA HO BOPA LEANO LE HLAKILENG MABAPI LE LITABA  
TSA LIJO LEO NAHA E TLA LETEKA 'MOKENG O MOHOLO OA  
MACHABA KA KHOELI EA LOETSE ; RE LE TEKA KA LIPHATLA TSE  
PHAHAMENG LE KA SEBETE HOBANE E LE LEANO LE KOLLANG  
MAIKUTLONG A SECHABA.

**BAHLOMPHEHI BO MME LE BO NTATE,**

E SE E LE LILEMO TSE NGATA JOALE RE LEKA HO NTLAFATSA  
MAANO LE MEKHOA EA TLHAHISO EA LIJO, KANETSO LE PABALLO  
EA TSONA, ESITA LE PHEPO E NEPAHETSENG. HA RE HETLA  
MORAO, REA BONA HORE HO NA LE MOO RE ATLEHILENG TENG,  
EMPA HA RE HLAHLOBA MAEMO AO RE LENG HO ONA NAKONG  
ENA, EBILE RE SHEBA PELE, REA BONA HORE TSELA E SA LE  
TELELE KA PELE HO RONA PELE RE FIHLELA SEPHEO SA RONA SA



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TLHAHISO LE KANETSO EA LIJO E KHOTSOFATSANG LITLHOKO TSA SECHABA. SEOA SENA SA COVID-19 SE BEILE POOANENG LIKHAELLO TSA MERALO LE MEKHOA EA RONA LINAHA TSE HOLANG, EA TLHAHISO LE KANETSO EA LIJO. KA HONA, RE TLAMEHA HO LOANA KA THATA, MOHLOMONG HO FETA PELE, HO NTLAFATSA MAANO LE MERALO EA TLHAHISO, POLOKO, KANETSO ESITA LE THEKISO EA LIJO.

**EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

IT IS INDEED A GREAT HONOUR FOR ME TO BE WITH YOU, ALBEIT VIRTUALLY, FOR THIS IMPORTANT NATIONAL DIALOGUE THAT IS AIMED AT PRODUCING INNOVATIVE IDEAS AND POLICIES THAT OUR COUNTRY CAN PRESENT TO THE WORLD AT THE UNITED NATIONS FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK, AND CONGRATULATE THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, ANTONIO GUTERRES, FOR DEMONSTRATING VISION AND FORSIGHT BY CREATING AN



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IMPORTANT PLATFORM, AT THIS CRITICAL TIME, ON WHICH GLOBAL LEADERS AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS CAN SHARE IDEAS ON HOW TO CHART A PATH TOWARDS THE CREATION OF MORE SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE FOOD SYSTEMS.

WITH ONLY TEN (10) YEARS LEFT BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF 2030, THE YEAR BY WHICH NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAD COMMITTED TO ACHIEVE THE SEVENTEEN (17) SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS), IT IS BECOMING EVIDENT THAT MANY OF THOSE CRITICAL TARGETS REMAIN FAR OUT OF REACH. IMPROVEMENT OF OUR FOOD SYSTEMS, THAT ENCOMPASSES THE ENTIRE PROCESS, FROM PRODUCTION TO CONSUMPTION OF FOOD IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS CRITICAL AND INSTRUMENTAL FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SDGS.

I WISH TO CONVEY MY SINCEREST GRATITUDE TO THOSE HARD WORKING MEN AND WOMEN WHO ORGANISED THIS NATIONAL DIALOGUE AND THE PRECEEDING DISTRICT LEVEL DIALOGUES.



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IT IS OUR HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT THE INPUTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WERE MADE AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL WILL FORM THE BACKBONE OF THE OUTCOMES OF THIS NATIONAL DIALOGUE, SO THAT WE CAN GENUINELY CLAIM THAT WE CARRY WITH US A NATIONAL POSITION WHEN WE GO TO NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER. I ALSO WISH TO THANK OUR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS WHO HAVE ASSISTED AND GUIDED US IN THIS PROCESS LEADING TOWARDS THE UN FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT. I CAN SAFELY SAY THAT, WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE, BASOTHO WILL ALSO HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE.

I HAVE SAID IT BEFORE, AND I WILL SAY IT AGAIN TODAY, THAT THE ECONOMIC DEVASTATION BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS COMPELLED US, MORE THAN EVER, TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE SEARCH FOR GLOBAL SOLUTIONS THAT WILL ADDRESS GLOBAL CHALLENGES. IN THIS REGARD, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT, AS NATIONS OF THE WORLD WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD ROBUST AND RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS



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THAT CAN HELP STIMULATE A SPEEDY GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

**SECHABA SA HESO,**

NAKONG ENA EA TLALA RE ITHUTILE HORE NAHA EA RONA E TLAMEHA HO ITLHAHISETSA LIJO KA MEFUTA EA TSONA E FAPANENG. MALAPA A NANG LE MASIMO, A TLAMEHA HO BONA LE HO THUSOA HORE MASIMO A BONA A HLAHISA LIJO KA TSELA E KHOTSOFATSANG. RE SE RE BONE HORE SESOTHO SE NEPILE HA SE RE: **“MPHE MPHE E EA LAPISA, MOTHO O KHONOA KE SA NTLO EA HAE!”** RE KE KE RA TSOELAPELE HO ITŠETLEHA KA LIPHALLELO LE HO REKA LIJO KA NTLE HO NAHA. MAEMONG ANA A PHETOHO EA LEHOLIMO RE LEBELETSE HORE MAFAPHA A RONA A LIPHUPUTSO A RE FUMANELE LIPEO TSE NTLAFETSENG TSEO LI KA RE TLISETSANG KOTULO E KHOTSOFATSANG LE KA NAKO EA KOMELLO.



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KA LEBAKA LA MATHATA ANA A RE TJAMETSENG , KE IPILE TSA HO MOSOTHO E MONG LE E MONG EA NANG LE MOBU OA TEMO, LE EA KA KHONANG, HO IKAKHELA KA SETOTSOANA TLHAHISONG EA LIJO – E KA BA LIJO-THOLLO, MEROHO, LITHOLOANA ESITA LE HO RUOA LIPHOOFOLO, RE TSEBE HO LOANTŠA TLALA LE HO AKOFISA PHEPO E NEPAHETSENG.

KE QETELA KA HO LE LAKALETSA BOHLE POLOKEHO LE TŠIRELETSEHO KHAHLANONG LE SEOA SA COVID-19. HARE TSOELENG PELE HO IKAMAHANYA LE LIPEHELO TSE FANOENG ELE HORE BOPHELO BA RONA BO BOLOKEHE.

**MOLIMO O BOLOKE LESOTHO, MOLIMO O BOLOKE BASOTHO.**

**KHOTSO! PULA! NALA!**