

REMARKS BY HER EXCELLENCY DR. SAMIA SULUHU
HASSAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF
TANZANIA DURING THE STATE FUNERAL OF THE LATE
PRESIDENT HAGE GOTTFRIED GEINGOB, WINDHOEK,
REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA,
24TH FEBRUARY, 2024

- *Your Excellency Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia;*
- *Madam Monica Geingos, Widow of the Late President Hage Geingob;*
- *Excellency Heads of State and Government here present;*
- *Fellow Mourners,*

Allow me to convey our deepest condolences and sympathies to you, President Nangolo Mbumba and the brotherly people of the Republic of Namibia following the passing of our dear brother and friend, President Hage Geingob.

My deepest condolences to Madam Monica Geingos, the entire Geingob family for losing a part of their own - a husband, a father, grandfather and brother.

Fellow Mourners

I am here to bid farewell to a man I considered an elder brother and a mentor.

I recall his generosity during my last visit to Namibia when he personally accompanied by his wife my sister Monica welcomed me at the airport and found time for a candid conversation concerning the political development and security situations of our region SADC. His bass voice and relish laughter still resonate in my ears. It feels just like yesterday when we used to sit together at the AU and chart way on several SADC stands. His wise counsel, resolute determination and devotion will surely be missed but his memories will live on.

We vividly recall how as SWAPO's representative to the UN, he worked with then Tanzanian Permanent Representative Hon. John Malecela and other African diplomats to make the case for Namibian independence at the United Nations. His Pan-Africanist nature formed the cornerstone of his Presidency and through his support we opened our High Commission in Windhoek which has further solidified our relations.

Today we are here not to mourn this gallant son of Africa but celebrate a life well lived which gave course to the Prosperous Namibia we are witnessing today and renewed hope to Africa.

Dear Namibians sisters and brothers,

This immense loss is our loss too. We share your grief and sorrow.

To Madam Monica Geingos and the bereaved family, we pray that Almighty God grant you solace, courage and fortitude. I also wish to leave you with the words of Isaiah 41:10 which remind us of God's promise of strength.

May the soul of our beloved brother Hage Geingob rest in eternal peace. Amen.

To my brother President Nangolo Mbumba, Tanzania assures you of my continued support and cooperation, and we strongly believe that under your able stewardship Namibia is in safe hands.

I thank you.