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**Comrade Khethukuthula B. Methula**

Deputy Secretary-General

Swaziland Liberation Movement (SWALIMO)

**RE: SOLIDARITY MESSAGE TO THE NATIONAL POLICY AND ELECTIVE  
CONFERENCE OF THE SWAZILAND LIBERATION MOVEMENT**

**Dear Comrade Methula,**

Warm revolutionary greetings from Accra to Mbabane.

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Pan-African Progressive Front, I write to thank SWALIMO for the honour of an invitation to your National Policy and Elective Conference, and to convey, in the clearest terms, that the Front stands with you.

A conference is sometimes a small thing minutes, motions, a vote. This one is not. SWALIMO is sitting down to choose leadership and adopt policy at a moment when the Kingdom of Eswatini still bans political parties; when Comrades Mthandeni Dube and Bacede Mabuza paid for the right to ask a single question who governs? with their freedom; when the wounds of the 2021 uprisings are not yet closed and the demand that put thousands of young Swazis into the streets has not yet been answered. Holding a democratic, principled, mass-based conference in that environment is itself an act of resistance. Conducting one well is an act of preparation for power.

That is what catches our attention from this side of the continent. SWALIMO is not behaving like a movement that hopes to be heard. It is behaving like a movement that intends to govern. The discipline of building structures, the patience of policy work, the seriousness with which you treat internal democracy, these are the habits of an organisation that is preparing the day after liberation, not only the day of it. Africa has paid a heavy price, too many times, for movements that won the streets and lost the ministries. The work you are doing now is the work of not repeating that mistake.

The PPF reads the Swazi struggle as our own struggle. The architecture that holds the Tinkhundla system in place — extraction without accountability, sovereignty for some and not others, foreign capital protected by a domestic elite, is the same architecture, with different



names, that we contend with from Accra to Khartoum, from Bamako to Kinshasa. The continent has only one liberation project, even when it speaks many languages. Yours is one of its sharpest fronts.

We hear, too, the call for unity that runs through your conference programme, and we answer it. Division among progressive forces is not an accident; it is a tool, and it is used against us deliberately. The PPF commits itself to the practical work of solidarity, not communiqués alone, but coordination: shared analysis, shared platforms, shared defence of comrades under threat, and a common voice in the African Union, SADC, and at every international forum where the Swazi question is raised or, more often, conveniently forgotten.

So go into your conference with the knowledge that you do not deliberate alone. The eyes of comrades across the continent are on Mbabane. Choose your leaders well. Argue hard, and then close ranks. Let the policy you adopt be one you would be proud to govern by, because the day you govern by it is closer than the regime would like to admit.

To every delegate who will travel, debate, and vote: the Pan-African Progressive Front salutes you. To the families of those imprisoned and those killed: we have not forgotten, and we will not. To the people of Eswatini: a free Swazi nation is not a favour the world will grant you. It is a country you are already building, conference by conference, branch by branch, comrade by comrade.

Forward ever. Backward never.

**With unwavering solidarity,**

**Comrade Humphrey Abbey Quaye**

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On Behalf of the Secretariat of the Pan-African Progressive Front (PPF).