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## **SPEAKER KATJAVIVI CONGRATULATES NEWLY ELECTED SPEAKER OF SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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The Speaker of the National Assembly, Honourable Professor Peter Katjavivi, has extended his profound congratulations to Honourable Angela Thokozile Didiza on her recent election as the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of South Africa. This significant announcement follows a letter sent by Speaker Katjavivi on 15 June 2024, acknowledging the importance of Honourable Didiza's new role and her dedication to public service.

In his letter, Speaker Katjavivi emphasized the critical timing of Honourable Didiza's election, noting the essential role she will play in upholding and strengthening the democratic values cherished by both Namibia and South Africa. He expressed confidence in her ability to lead the National Assembly with distinction, drawing on her extensive experience in various ministerial positions.

*"Your election comes at a pivotal time, and I am confident that under your able leadership, the National Assembly will continue to uphold and strengthen the democratic values that our two nations so dearly cherish,"* wrote Speaker Katjavivi. He further highlighted the strong partnership between Namibia and South Africa in fostering democracy, development, and regional stability.

The congratulatory message also underscored the anticipation of enhanced cooperation between the two nations, particularly within the framework of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Parliamentary Forum, which is soon to be transformed into a Regional Parliament. Speaker Katjavivi expressed his eagerness to work closely with Honourable Didiza to further mutual goals of prosperity and peace for the region.

*"I look forward to working closely with you to strengthen the ties between our parliaments and to promote the welfare of the people of our two nations,"* Speaker Katjavivi stated.

The Namibian National Assembly extends its best wishes to Honourable Didiza as she embarks on her new role, confident that her tenure will be marked by significant achievements and enhanced collaboration between Namibia and South Africa. More importantly, to continue to steer the business of the National Assembly safeguarding the constitutional values, embracing unity and stability.

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