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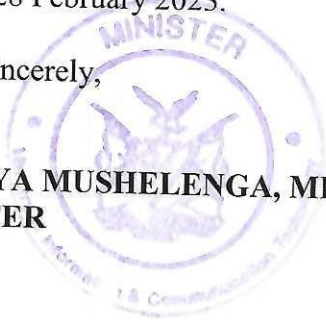
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CABINET DECISIONS ISSUED AT THE 2nd (2023) DECISION MAKING MEETING

Attached hereto, kindly find Cabinet Decisions of the 2nd (2023) Decision Making meeting, held on 28 February 2023.

Yours Sincerely,

DR. PEYA MUSHELENGA, MP
MINISTER



1. REVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES ON THE ISSUANCE OF NAMIBIAN DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS, THE REDUCTION OF THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE TWO CATGEORIES TO (5) FIVE YEARS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF A VVIP CATEGORY OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT: (Submitted by the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security)

1. Cabinet approved that Diplomatic and Official Passports be issued with a validity period of five (5) years, while National (ordinary) passports continue to be issued with the validity period of ten (10) years for adults and five (5) years for minors.
2. Cabinet approved that Diplomatic Passports be issued to:
 - i) The President;
 - ii) First Spouse;
 - iii) Vice-President and spouse;
 - iv) Prime Minister and spouse;
 - v) Deputy Prime Minister and spouse;
 - vi) Speaker of the National Assembly and spouse;
 - vii) Chairperson of the National Council and spouse;
 - viii) Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice and spouses;
 - ix) Ministers and holders of equivalent positions;
 - x) Deputy Ministers;
 - xi) Members of Parliament;
 - xii) Judges of the Supreme Court and High Court;
 - xiii) Prosecutor-General;
 - xiv) Ombudsman;
 - xv) Chairperson of the Public Service Commission;
 - xvi) Auditor-General;
 - xvii) Governor of the Central Bank;
 - xviii) Regional Governors;
 - xix) Secretary to the Cabinet;
 - xx) Executive Directors;
 - xxi) Chief of Protocol;
 - xxii) Service Chiefs;
 - xxiii) Deputy Inspector-General;
 - xxiv) Deputy Commissioners General of Correctional Service;
 - xxv) Commanders of the Namibian Army, Namibian Navy, and Namibian Air Force;
 - xxvi) Special Advisors to the President;
 - xxvii) Ambassadors and High Commissioners (Namibian diplomats), as well as their spouses and dependants (to be surrender after tour of duty).
3. Cabinet took note that other personalities can be accorded Diplomatic Passports at the discretion of the President.
4. Cabinet approved that the following categories be allowed to benefit from holding Diplomatic Passports after active service, with a provision that if the



principal holder of the Diplomatic Passport passes on, the surviving spouse will no longer qualify for a Diplomatic Passport:

- i) Former Presidents;
- ii) Former First Spouses;
- iii) Former Vice President;
- iv) Former Prime Ministers;
- v) Former Deputy Prime Ministers;
- vi) Former Speakers;
- vii) Former Chairpersons of the National Council; and
- viii) Former Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice;

5. Cabinet endorsed that the beneficiaries of Diplomatic Passports, with the exception of those listed under paragraph 4 above, cease to benefit from continued issuance of Diplomatic Passports after active service and they should be required to surrender the Diplomatic Passports to the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation or the nearest office of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Safety and Security, for cancellation and destruction.

6. Cabinet endorsed that a category of Very Very Important Persons (VVIPs) be created with unique serial numbers starting with DV00001. The sitting President, former Presidents, current and former Vice Presidents, sitting and former Prime Ministers, would be beneficiaries of this special numbered Diplomatic Passports. The proposed passports would also have a space for official designation.

2. ENROLMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION (ICAO) PUBLIC KEY DIRECTORY (PKD) (Submitted by the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security)

1. Cabinet supported Namibia's enrolment to the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Public Key Directory (PKD).
2. Cabinet authorised the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

3. REPORT OF THE 12TH CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGIONAL CENTRE FOR MAPPING OF RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT (RCMRD), HELD IN KAMPALA, UGANDA, FROM 21-22 NOVEMBER 2022 (Submitted by the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform)

1. Cabinet took note of the resolutions of the 12th Conference of Ministers Responsible for the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD).
2. Cabinet endorsed the continuation of Namibia's membership to the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD), in view of the benefits accrued to country.

4. **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHILDREN FUND IN TERMS OF SECTIONS 26 OF CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION ACT, 2015 (ACT NO. 3 OF 2015).** (Submitted by the Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare)

Cabinet approved the establishment of the Children's Fund, in terms of the Child Care Protection Act. 2015 (Act No.3 of 2015).

5. **CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS ON THE SIXTH (6TH) PERIODIC REPORT OF NAMIBIA ON THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW), ADOPTED BY THE CEDAW COMMITTEE AT ITS 82ND SESSION, HELD IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, FROM 13TH JUNE – 1ST JULY 2022** (Submitted by the Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare)

1. Cabinet took note of the concluding observations and recommendations emanating from the 82nd Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW 6th Periodic Report).
2. Cabinet directed the Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare to coordinate with other key stakeholders and develop and implementation plan of the recommendations of the CEDAW 6th Periodic Report.
3. Cabinet supported the Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare and the relevant stakeholders, in the process of implementing the applicable recommendations.

6. **PUBLIC SERVANTS EMPLOYERS MEDICAL AID SCHEME (PSEMAS) REFORM** (Submitted by the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises)

1. Cabinet took note of the progress on the outcome of the review of the Public Servants Employees' Medical Aid Scheme.
2. Cabinet directed the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises, to devise strategies to curb the abuse of PSEMAS by members and Medical Practitioners, in terms of the following policy reform Measures:
 - a) Obtaining the financial control over the finances of the Scheme;
 - b) Establishment of PSEMAS tariffs and medicine pricing model which is aligned to the market; and
 - c) Obtaining clinically appropriate medicine utilisation over the Scheme.
3. Cabinet directed the Ministry of Health and Social Services, in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises, to engage the Recognised Trade Unions on the proposed PSEMAS membership limits for medical services, before consideration and endorsement by Cabinet.

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