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CABINET DECISIONS ISSUED AT THE 1st (2025) DECISION MAKING MEETING

Attached hereto, kindly find Cabinet Decisions of the 1st (2025) Decision Making meeting, held on 11 February 2025.

Yours Sincerely,

Emma Theofelus, MP
MINISTER



1. CASCADING OF THE SWAPO PARTY MANIFESTO IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO THE NATIONAL PLANS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
(Submitted by the Prime Minister)

Cabinet approved the incorporation of the Swapo Party Manifesto into the Government Plans, for implementation from 01 April 2025.

2. FEEDBACK REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CABINET DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1ST OCTOBER 2023 31ST MARCH 2024
(Submitted by the Prime Minister)

Cabinet took note and endorsed the Feedback Report on the Implementation of the Cabinet Decisions for the period of 1st October 2023-31st March 2024 and its key recommendations, which amongst others, include: that Offices/Ministries/Agencies to continuously communicate with counterparts in order to finalise the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs); and that budgetary provision be made for the implementation of Decisions by the affected O/M/As and enhance continuous mobilization of funding through development partners to support implementation.

3. MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE CONGESTION OF TRUCKS AT THE KATIMA MULILO BORDER POST
(Submitted by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport)

Cabinet approved the proposed short to long-term interventions to address the congestion of trucks at the Katima Mulilo Border Post as highlighted below:

- a) Short-Term Interventions: Documentary Pre-Clearance to ensure that necessary documentation is processed before trucks arrive at the border; introduction of Clearing Agent Rules gazetted under the Customs and Excise Act, 1998 (Act No. 20 of 1998); establishment of an Association of Truck Drivers for Namibia to serve as a forum for public-private sector dialogue between various border agencies and truck drivers to ensure that issues affecting effective clearance of goods are discussed and addressed timeously; 24 Hour Operation of the Weighbridge to coincide with the 24-hour operations of the

Katima Mulilo (Wenela) border post as from 01 April 2025; and Diplomatic Engagement with Zambia to Remove Processing Restrictions.

- b) Long-Term Interventions: Conduct of a Joint Time Release Study to identify bottlenecks that have led to the congestion of trucks at the border post; implementation of an Inter-Agency Standard Operation Framework on Coordinated Border Management (CBM) in Namibia; Introduction of a One-Stop Border Post (OSBP) between Namibia and Zambia; Development of a Truck Port Facility; and Relocation of the Katima Mulilo Weighbridge to prevent trucks from clogging the main town areas of Katima Mulilo and ensure all weight checks are conducted near the border.

4. ACCESSION BY NAMIBIA TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965

(Submitted by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport)

- 4.1 Cabinet approved Namibia's accession to the International Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965 (FAL Convention) as amended, with reservation of 3.16.13 and 3.16.14 of the 1965 Convention respectively as advised by the Attorney -General; and
- 4.2 Cabinet authorised the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation to sign and submit Namibia's instrument of accession to the International Maritime Organization. FAL Convention aims to streamline supply chains, hence, it is pivotal for Namibia as a country striving to develop itself as Logistics Hub. Accessing to FAL will significantly contribute to the 2nd Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP II)'s goal of "Strengthening Namibia's Position as a Transport and Logistics Hub" and improve Namibia's performance on the Liner Shipping Connectivity, Logistics Performance and the Ease of Doing Business rankings.

5. DIGITAL REHABILITATION PROJECT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS INTERREGIONAL CRIME AND JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

(Submitted by the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security) – To be announced in collaboration with MHAISS

Cabinet authorised the Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security, Department: Namibian Correctional Service, to partake in the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute project on Digital Rehabilitation, with the assistance of the Government of Japan. Namibia's involvement in the project will increase programme participation and responsiveness, ultimately equipping participants more effectively to address risk factors for offending, thereby reducing their likelihood of recidivism. Furthermore, various correctional officers will benefit from the training that will be provided under the project.

6. PROPOSED MUTUAL EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL/SERVICE PASSPORTS

(Submitted by the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security)

Cabinet authorized the Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security to enter into a mutual exemption from visa requirements between the Republic of Namibia and the People's Republic of China for holders of diplomatic and official/service passports.

7. REPORT OF THE 79TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA79), HELD IN NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FROM 20-30 SEPTEMBER 2024

(Submitted by the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation)

7.1 Cabinet took note of the Report and directed the following Offices/Ministries/Agencies to take action in their areas of responsibility: Ministries of Information, Communication and

Technology; Sports, Youth and National Services; Environment, Forestry and Tourism; International Relations and Cooperation; and National Planning Commission; and

7.2 Cabinet approved the hosting of national dialogues and forums to raise awareness and mobilise support for the implementation of the Pact and its goals. In this regard, the National Planning Commission to consider developing monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to track the progress of Pact implementation and make data-driven adjustments to policies and programs; and

7.3 Cabinet endorsed the revision of the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Action Plan: Update the 2017 National AMR Action Plan (NAAP) to align with current global standards and effectively address emerging AMR challenges and establish dedicated national and regional budgets for AMR activities, providing resources for essential surveillance, research, and training initiatives to address AMR. The Ministry of Health and Social Services to coordinate the initiative, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders.

8. 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION (UNSCR) 1325 ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY
(Submitted by the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation)

8.1 Cabinet directed the Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare to initiate the review of Namibia's First-Generation National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NNAP), with the full participation of all stakeholders and ensure that the Second-Generation National Action Plan call for increased gender integration, equality and gender responsive approaches including intersectional aspect of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS), regional and south-south cooperation agenda;

8.2 Cabinet directed all relevant stakeholders (Ministries of Defence and Veterans Affairs; Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare; International Relations and Cooperation; Home Affairs, Immigration Safety and Security; Education, Arts and Culture (heritage and commemoration); and Information and Communication Technology) to prioritise the development of the

Second-Generation National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security as a matter of urgency;

- 8.3 Cabinet further directed all Offices/Ministries/Agencies (O/M/As) to include commitments to the Women Peace and Security Agenda in their statements and engagements and all high-level engagements;
 - 8.4 Cabinet endorsed for the Government of the Republic of Namibia to consider hosting an event, with invited international and national stakeholders, in order to signify Namibia's firm commitment to the future of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda; and
 - 8.5 Cabinet directed the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation to establish a Silver Anniversary of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security Planning Committee, encompassing senior and other officials from the key Ministries of Defence and Veterans Affairs; Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare; International Relations and Cooperation; Home Affairs, Immigration Safety and Security; Education, Arts and Culture (heritage and commemoration); and Information and Communication Technology.
- 9. REPORT ON THE 15TH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY (IRENA), HELD FROM 11-13 JANUARY 2025, DUBAI, AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**
(Submitted by the Minister of Mines and Energy)

Cabinet took note of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Annual Assembly report; and endorsed Namibia's selection as Vice-President of IRENA for 2025, representing the Africa Group/Region. Namibia taking up the Vice-Presidency role offers a unique platform to influence global energy policies and spearhead initiatives that drive sustainable development on an international scale.

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