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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2015

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker informed the Assembly about the passing on of Mr. Gerson Hitjevi Vei, one of the icons of our liberation struggle and a former Robben Island prisoner, who passed away on 14 February 2015. The memorial service will be held on Tuesday, 24 February 2015 at 14:00 in the Parliament Gardens, and the burial will take place on Wednesday, 25 February 2015 at the Heroes Acre.

On the request of the Speaker, the Members observed a Minute of Silence in prayer or meditation.

3. **The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the-

- (i) Meat Board of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2013;
- (ii) Motor Vehicle Accident Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2013; and
- (iii) National Youth Council for the financial years ended 31 March 2012 and 2013.

4. **The Minister of Finance further laid upon the Table:**

The Annual Financial Statements of the Public Accountants' Auditor's Board for the year ended 31 December 2013.

5. **The Deputy Prime Minister laid upon the Table:**

Annual Report of Public Service Commission of Namibia for the year ended 2013/2014.

6. **Notice of a Question:**

Mr. Kazenambo (SWAPO) to ask the Minister of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development (No. 38).

7. **Dr. Amweelo moved without notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to the Deputy Minister of Education until 12 March 2015.

Agreed to.

8. **Mr. Tjihuike moved without notice:**

That leave of absence due to illness, be granted to Mr. Moongo until 12 March 2015.

Agreed to.

9. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare moved, seconded by the Minister of Health and Social Services:

That this Assembly –

Ratifies the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption.

On the motion of Mr. Shixwameni, seconded by Mr. Lucks, debate adjourned until Thursday, 19 February 2015.

10. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Trade and Industry moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Defence:

That this Assembly –

Peruses and discusses Namibia's Industrial Policy Implementation Strategy – Growth at Home.

On the motion of Mr. Tjihuike seconded by Mr. Kaura, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 24 February 2015.

11. **Announcement by the Speaker:**

The Speaker announced that the Minister of Finance is inviting all Members to attend the Workshop on the outcome of the consultations on the *Procurement Bill*, to be held tomorrow, 18 February 2015 after the parliamentary session.

12. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by Ms. Witbooi, the Assembly adjourned at 15:50 until Wednesday, 18 February 2015.

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Deputy Secretary of the National Assembly

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