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His Excellency Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia Effects Changes in the Executive

Following the passing of the third President of the Republic of Namibia, H.E. Dr. Hage G. Geingob, and the appointment of H.E. Dr. Nangolo Mbumba as the Fourth President, including the appointment of a new Vice President, H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah by the President, a vacancy has occurred in the Cabinet. In order to ensure the effective delivery of services to the Namibian people, President Nangolo Mbumba has effected today 9 February 2024 adjustments to the Cabinet and Executive in the Namibian Government.

- I. In terms of Article 32 (3) (i) (cc) and (dd) of the Namibian Constitution, the President of the Republic of Namibia, H.E Dr. Nangolo Mbumba appointed today, 9 February 2024 Honorable John Mutorwa as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport.

As Deputy Prime Minister, Honorable Mutorwa will assist the Right Honourable Prime Minister with Disaster Risk Management prevention, preparedness, response and recovery and to perform other functions as may be assigned by the Prime Minister.

As Minister, Honorable Mutorwa will continue to oversee the development and maintenance of national infrastructure and to deepen collaboration with neighboring countries in the development of critical roads, rail, maritime and aviation infrastructure that facilitate movement of goods and people.

Honorable Mutorwa is further expected to facilitate the development of capabilities of Namibian SME contractors and local firms to actively participate in the sector and to develop industry standards for professional Bodies operating in the public works and transport sector. As Minister, he is also expected to implement mechanisms to continuously improve and monitor maritime and aviation safety.

- II. In terms of Article 32 (3) (i) (cc) and (dd) of the Namibian Constitution, President Nangolo Mbumba appointed today 9

February 2024, Honorable Peya Mushelenga as Minister of International Relations and Cooperation.

As Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Honorable Mushelenga is entrusted with the primary functions of formulating, promoting and executing Namibia's foreign policy and management of bilateral, regional and international relations. He is also expected to protect the interests of the Republic of Namibia, Namibian citizens and entities abroad.

As a key deliverable, Honorable Mushelenga is expected to conclude the Genocide Negotiations and facilitate consensus on the model of reparations. He is also to secure strategic deployment of Namibians into multilateral organisations and to facilitate a share of development funding via bilateral partners.

III. In terms of Article 32 (3) (i) (dd) of the Namibian Constitution, President Nangolo Mbumba appointed today 9 February 2024, Honorable Emma Theofelus as Minister of Information and Communication Technology.

As Minister, Honorable Theofelus is expected to strengthen the foundation for the accelerated use and development of ICT and ensure the inter-operability/comparability of the ICT systems. You are also expected to oversee effective implementation of communications legislation to address accessibility and affordability of information communication technologies by the majority of Namibians. As the Official Government Spokesperson, Honorable Theofelus must ensure prompt and effective dissemination of information regarding Government programmes, communicate Cabinet decisions and proactively act as Media focal point. She is further expected to promote unfettered access by the media to public information, in order to strengthen democracy and good governance; consolidate Government information systems to ensure cohesive and integrated media communications from all Offices, Ministries and Agencies.

IV. In terms of Article 32 (3) (i) (dd) of the Namibian Constitution, President Nangolo Mbumba hereby appointed today 9 February 2024, Honorable Modestus Amutse as Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology.

As Deputy Minister, Honorable Amutse will assist the Minister in strengthening the foundation for the accelerated use and development of ICT and ensure inter-operability/comparability of the ICT systems. The Deputy Minister is also expected to assist the Minister oversee the effective implementation of communications legislation to address accessibility and affordability of information communication technologies by the majority of our people. A detailed Terms of Reference is attached for ease of reference.

All the appointments are with effect from 9 February 2024.

His Excellency, President Nangolo Mbumba takes this opportunity to express confidence and trust in the ability, commitment and fairness with which all the appointees will discharge their duties and responsibilities for the benefit of the Namibian people.

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