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BUDGET SPEECH

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Honourable Speaker,

Honourable Members of the National Assembly,

It is my distinct honor and privilege to present to this august House, Vote 29 of the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) for the 2014/15 financial year.

The Government of the Republic of Namibia has declared the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector as one of the critical pillars of our economy. The ICT sector continues to make significant contributions to economic development and competitiveness through innovation, research and development. Hence MICT endeavors to promote local software development to facilitate online service delivery.

For the 2014/15 financial year, MICT has been allocated an amount of **Five Hundred and Sixty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Sixty Four Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$566 864 000)**.

In summary, allow me to briefly highlight how the allocation will be utilized for the implementation of the development goals of the ICT sector as embodied in NDP4 and Vision 2030 through the following programmes:

PROGRAMME 1: ICT DEVELOPMENT

An amount of **Eight Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty Six Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$8 956 000)** is allocated towards developing adequate state-of-the-art ICT infrastructure that is aimed at creating a conducive environment for the accelerated growth and usage of ICT services.

