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Hon ASSEER MBAI

Thank you Hon Speaker  
Hon Members

I rise to briefly contribute to <sup>THE</sup> appropriation amendment bill tabled by the Hon. Minister of Finance.

I thank the Hon. Minister for tabling this timely intervention, the second mid-year Budget Review and the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement for the next MTEF.

It is good for us as <sup>A</sup> nation to be made aware of the state of our finances and economy, more-specially at this very difficult times when global, regional and our own economy are experiencing hard-ships.

Hon. Minister I support your statement that those negative impact emanating from the global and regional development, created a huge gap between projected and actual spending.

<sup>HOWEVER</sup> Low growth, high unemployment, extreme inequality in our society remain challenging and unacceptable.

Hon. Speaker, to me the budget relies on institutions of good governance and a public ethic that values honesty, fairness, accountability and transparency. It requires constructive leadership in all sectors, shared vision, a common purpose, and a political will to find common ground, above all the need for action, not just words and words.

If we act together on this principles, as representatives of the public there outside, we can even overcome the challenges of tough economic times, and difficult adjustments and address declining confidence.

Hon. Speaker, it is therefore important that the time is now during the review of our budget to focus on WHAT WE DO WELL? What we should stop doing? And how to support inclusive growth.

Paying social grants is one sector where we are doing well.

What we should stop doing is to continue bailing out state entities. And cannot continue to expand our expenditures if revenue does not reflect a sound increase. Therefore the expenditure ceiling need utmost attention in the new budget framework.

Hon Speaker, Members, it is my profound believe that if the Hon, Minister really within the confinement of a UNITARY STATE deliberately strengthening local governance with their close proximity to the communities local and regional

authorities play a very important role in the delivery of services to the public. It is this reason that Government commit, strengthen, and fostering their operations in providing local services and promoting participation, as part of the efforts to create employment opportunities and alleviating poverty.

With this few remarks, I support the bill.

I thank you.

