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FORCE**

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**Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House
Committee,
Honourable Members,**

I stand here today to present Vote 06 which is the Department of Police of the Ministry of Safety and Security.

Before I proceed further, allow me to thank the Honourable Minister of Finance, Comrade Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Comrade Tom Alweendo, Director General of the National Planning Commission and the entire teams for a well balanced budget. Among others this budget address, macroeconomic stability geared towards economic growth and sustainable development, job creation, human resource development and skills formation. Your intentions, Comrade Minister, are in line with the government desire to attain Vision 2030 and to improve the living conditions of our people. This deserves applause from all of us in this August House.

The Namibian Police (Vote 6) is established in terms of Article 118 of the Namibian Constitution as per the second amendment. That article provide for the enactment of the Police Act, Act 19 of 1990, which provide for the establishment and powers of the Namibian Police Force. The powers and functions of the Force are the preservation of internal security of Namibia, maintenance of law and

order, investigation of any offence or alleged offence, prevention of crime and protection of life and property.

In order to effectively execute its mandate, the Namibian Police Force has identified five (5) broad budget programmes according to which it plans to attain its stated objectives. These programmes have been developed along the country's long and medium term development plans; the NDP's and ultimately Vision 2030, the ultimate goal is ensuring an environment conducive for economic development, internal security and peaceful coexistence for our people.

It is satisfying that Namibia is about to celebrate her twenty fourth years of independence this month. Thus, thanks to the men and women in uniform for having maintained law and order all those years. Peace and stability we enjoyed since the attainment of our Nationhood on March 21, 1990 is really indicative that the Namibian Police Force has grown into a Force to reckon with.

Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,
Honourable Members,

Allow me now to spell out in detail the composition of the five programmes which I have referred to as being the core activities during the 2014/2015 financial year.

1. Combating of Crime Programme – N\$ 3, 414, 200, 000

The main objective of this programme is to prevent and reduce the levels of crime, in order to promote and sustain an environment conducive to economic development, attract investors and guarantee perpetual law and order for all people in Namibia.

I wish to indicate to Honourable Members that this programme include the Capital Projects which amount to N\$ 567, 915, 000.

Moreover, as Namibia is set to hold its Presidential, National as well as Regional and Local elections during this financial year, resources provided under this vote will assist in the preservation of peace and stability during and after the elections. In addition, the Namibian Police Force in fulfilment of the Cabinet directives via His Excellency the President of the Republic of Namibia will prioritise its investigations of gender based violence cases which has become a national problem. As part of an attempt to address the root cause of gender based violence incidences, the Namibian Police Force is in the process of consulting the various stakeholders for a stricter enforcement of the Liquor Act and Municipal Bi-Laws.

Furthermore, it is aimed at developing and implementing its Crime Combating Strategy and carry out crime combating operations. Areas linked to this activity include the development of a modern crime combating strategy, based on crime prevention principles to ensure continuity and consistency in the law enforcement programmes which will lead to prudence in allocating and use of available resources, as well as institutionalization of sharing of crime

prevention responsibilities among stakeholders, such as government institutions, Non-Governmental Organisations, regional and international organisations.

It further includes visible policing in form of operational response to crime reports, fixed and mobile roadblocks, stop-and-search operations, cordon-and search operations, vehicle and foot patrol, maintenance of peace and stability at public gatherings, demonstrations, elections and other major events. It also covers the policing of incidents of public disorder, disaster management, security and road traffic control, and effective management of programmes on explosives, disposal (military or commercial) and clearance of unexploded ordinances, air support for crime prevention and search and rescue operations.

This activity further includes the serving of subpoenas on witnesses to attend court, transporting of witnesses to and from courts and execute warrants of arrests and testifying in criminal cases. The development and implementation of a crime stoppers system will fall under this activity. The Ministry is in the process of finalising the Draft Drugs Bill that will facilitate the control and regulations of substances across the country.

Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, Honourable Members,

This activity also include community policing which requires the establishment and revitalization of Police Public Relations Committees, Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, Business Community

Forums against crime, Police Reservists, farm patrols, suggestion boxes and the establishment of dedicated Tourism Policing Units in high volume tourism regions. Furthermore, my Ministry is busy establishing the Police Advisory Board as provided for under Section 43 B (1) of the Police Act, Act 19 of 1990 as amended. The Board will assist in the promotion of community participation in Police activities, as it will consist of the members with varying experiences.

Coordination and participation in international, regional and bilateral police activities also falls under this activity. In addition, it provide Intelligence on criminal activities, detect, investigate crime and ensure that accused persons and witness are present at courts; gathering, analysing and disseminating of both strategic and tactical crime intelligence, within the Namibian Police Force and sharing intelligence of international nature with members of International Police Organisation (INTERPOL) and Southern Africa Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (SARPCCO; detection and investigation of outstanding and new criminal cases and inquests, including crimes and offences committed by members of the Police Force.

This activity will include the purchasing of vehicles, operational equipment in order to provide effective policing and support service to the general public in the country.

2. VIPs Protection Programme – N\$ 354, 026, 000

The purpose of this programme is to protect national and visiting foreign Very Important Persons (VIP's) and provide security at their residential premises and offices.

The Namibian Police Force has the responsibility to provide safety and security to the visiting Very Important Persons (VIP's) as well as our national leaders. The Police also have a responsibility to guard VIP premises and facilities.

3. Training and Development Programme – N\$ 177, 641, 000

This programme is aimed at improving Police service delivery by providing quality education, training and development through basic, advanced and specialized training and staff development programs.

This activity provide educational and skills development opportunities to members of the Namibian Police Force in professional fields that include but not limited to: strategic leadership and management; information and communication technology; crime analysis; crime prevention; investigation and detection; forensics; crowd control; riot policing, counter terrorism; dog handling; and others.

Our annual target is to recruit and train 1500 new members; meanwhile the force continues to impart knowledge and skills to its

members through training and development programs in areas of advance courses in investigations and specialised areas and management in leadership.

4. Forensic Sciences Services Programme – N\$ 25, 542, 000

This programme focuses on the services provided by the National Forensic Science Institute which is a highly specialized multi-disciplinary scientific entity. This programme relates to all aspects of natural science aimed at solving crimes as well as finding scientific solutions to crime related problems. It covers a range of genetics complex scientific skills like human, documents examination, analytical chemistry, arson investigation, explosives analysis, blood analyses, ballistics, fraud investigation, economic crime investigation, etc.

The Forensic Science Institute provide testing, calibration and research scientific support services to the Criminal Justice System observing international Good Laboratory and Best Practice standards.

5. Supervision and Support Services Programme – N\$ 316, 686, 000

This programme is to provide and promote efficient and effective administration of the Force.

This programme also provide condition of service, social welfare, public relations, policy formulation, and financial, logistical and infrastructural management.

Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,
Honourable Members,

Permit me now to give a brief account of crime prevalence in the country. Though we have been privileged to enjoy peace and stability and rule of law, there are worrisome trends posed by incidences of domestic violence, murder, theft, robbery, drug trafficking, rape, fraud, cyber crime just to mention a few. The commission of such crimes do not only bring fear amidst our law abiding citizens but also create an unfavourable situation for investors who may perceive our environment not to be conducive for doing business here.

One of the disturbing crimes which took centre stage is the killing of women and children by some men in this country. This situation places a serious challenge to women development and economic opportunities promoted by the government for the past years. It should therefore be a bold resolve from all concerned parties that our sisters, mothers across the country are accorded an opportunity to move freely and their rights are respected as enshrined in the Fundamental Laws of this country.

My concern, like many of us is the domestic violence which is mostly carried out within the confines of our houses. Therefore, I urge members of the public to always pass on information to the police to allow for early intervention. Therefore, the onus is upon all of us to bring to an end the scourge of senseless killings of mothers, daughters, children and sisters by some men who tend to ignore the rights of our vulnerable population, namely women and children.

My humble appeal goes to church leaders, traditional authorities, school principals as well as to you Honourable Members of this August House, to assist law enforcers in curbing the occurrence and commissioning of crimes in our society. Your daily engagement with communities/congregation of your respective denominations, villagers, students and electorates should always serve as avenues for creating awareness for the rule of law and good behaviours amongst your subjects.

Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;
Honourable Members,

Namibia continues to maintain excellent cooperation with all its neighbouring countries. It goes without saying that without the ongoing mutual assistance, understanding and cooperation, it would be very difficult if not impossible to fight crime, especially cross border and transnational organized crimes. The country continues to maintain Joint Permanent Commissions on Defence and Security

with Angola, Botswana, South-Africa and Zambia. All security related threats are openly discussed and joint programmes of actions are designed during these meetings at Ministerial level.

This cooperation with the neighbouring states is further consolidated through Southern African Development Community (SADC) Organs on Security and Defence; hence, Namibia remains a member of SADC Standby Force Brigade.

In support of the International Community's efforts in maintaining peace, stability, and economic development around the globe, Namibia is a signatory to various United Nations Charters/protocols and has participated in a number of Peace/Keeping Support Operations, either under the auspices of the United Nations and/or African Union, by sending individual Police officers for deployments, since the year 2000.

Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,
Honourable Members,

Although, the Namibian Police Force has succeeded to curb some incidences of crime in the country it did so with inadequate resources (personnel) allocated to it through the national budget. Last year we manage to do more with less but this year the Ministry

of Finance have come to our rescue, in terms of providing funds for the recruitment and training of new members.

One area that confronted the Namibian Police Force and at times rendered its performance poor is the conditions accommodation of most of Police officers country-wide, it is deplorable to say the least but with the limited resources at our disposal some positive developments can be seen in various towns of the country. The Namibian Police Force has built and renovated around 50 Police Stations and Accommodation facilities during 2012/13 and 2013/14 financial years. These facilities were built in the following regions; Erongo (2), Hardap (4) /Karas (3), Khomas (4) Ohangwena (4), Omusati (7), Otjizondjupa (7), Kunene (5), Zambezi (4), Oshana (1), Omaheke (4) and both Kavango regions (5). There are new facilities that will be built and renovated under the new financial year. Thanks to the Ministry of Finance for financing some of NAMPOL's Capital Projects.

Therefore, the Namibian Police Force deserves our collective national support. The unequivocal demonstration of such support by this August House will undoubtedly motivate the entire nation to rally behind the police, which is a prerequisite in our national endeavours to reduce the rising level of crime, allay the fear of crime and maintain peace and stability.

Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;

Honourable Members,

The Namibian Police Force has budgeted and will recruit two thousand eight hundred (2 800) new intakes this financial year, whilst taking into consideration the balanced restructuring of the Force in the context of gender and regional representation. This is as a result that the Namibian Police did not recruit new members last year due to limited financial resources. I therefore, wish to thank the Honourable Minister for availing the funds to the Namibian Police to fulfil such an exercise. If you may recall during 2012/13 the Police has to put on hold the recruitment of new intakes because of scarcity of resources, but this year our call was heeded to. This is another way of responding to the increasing problem of staff shortages/skills deficit and thus contribute towards employment creation for the youth and economic development.

The allocation of sufficient financial and human resources to the Police will therefore, guarantee the sustainability of the pillars of our cherished democracy that we are all obliged to jealously guard, defend and protect. Furthermore, this will enhance the competitiveness of our country in areas of economic development within the context of SADC, African Continent and Globally.

The total allocation of this Vote is **Four billion, two hundred and eighty eight million, and ninety five thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$4 288 095.000).**

SUMMARY

In summary, I am submitting to the August House, to approve the budget allocation for Vote 06 for the following programmes and amounts:

Programmes for Vote 06	Amount per Programme
Combating of Crime	N\$ 2 846 285 000
VIP's Protection	N\$ 354 026 000
Training and Development	N\$ 177 641 000
Forensic Science Services	N\$ 25 542 000
Supervision and Support Services	N\$ 316 686 000
Capital Projects	N\$ 567 915 000
Total:	N\$ 4 288 095 000

I now humbly submit this to you, Honourable Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee and to all Honourable Members for your kind consideration and final approval.

I THANK YOU!