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Honourable Speaker,
Honourable Members,

The purpose of this motivation is to call upon the government of the Republic of Namibia (GRN) to consider the total removal of all the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) free Buffaloes that are kept by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism at Waterberg Plateau in the Otjozondjupa Region.

The government must consider the removal of those buffaloes from the Waterberg Plateau National Park/Game Reserve on ground of the negative economic hardships caused to the farming and business communities in the Otjozondjupa Region whenever one of the buffaloes is suspected or spotted outside the Waterberg Plateau.

Whenever a buffalo is suspected or seen in the areas surrounding or outside the Waterberg Plateau, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is compelled by the situation to take precaution measures of restriction of movements of livestock and animal products from the entire Otjozondjupa Region.

As it happen that the farming and business communities are often caught, unprepared for this precautionary restriction measures, it causes a lot of inconveniences and economic hardship for them.

Honourable Speaker,
Honourable Members,

I would like to use this platform to outline the real negative economic effect of this issue of buffaloes on our economy in general as follows:

It is a general view of many representatives of livestock producer's organisations, that the livestock economic sector or industry in Namibia generates about 5 billion Namibian dollars per annum. And as a matter of fact, the 1900 head of cattle that were at Agra Auction facilities in Grootfontein on 11 February 2015 when the