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**Statement**

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**of**

**Defence on the contribution to the 2014/2015**

**4 March 2014**

## Cde Speaker

1. Hon. Members of this August House, it is a time once again as Parliamentarian having an opportunity to debate the 24 National Budget in Independent Republic of Namibia.
2. Cde Speaker let me add my well wishes to Cde Minister of Finance Saara Nandjila Kuugongelwa – Amadhila, Director General of the National Planning Commission, Cde Tom Alweendo and the entire staff members of both offices. I thank them all for the job well done.
3. The 24<sup>th</sup> years National Budget went far from the general expectations, Cde Minister of Finance simplified the achievements and progress we have achieved on the last year budget 23<sup>rd</sup> National Budget under the theme “*Growing the economy, optimizing development outcomes*”. Cde Minister informed us in her 24<sup>th</sup> National budget speech that “*today I am glad to report that we have made good progress to achieve the outcomes anticipated under the budget*” what more we want again?
4. Challenges are always there, due to the fact that needs are endless, thanks for our good fiscal policy. We must know that Namibia is a capitalist country, it is not a socialist country although Article 98 of the Namibian Constitutions under the principles of Economic order are based on mixed economy “*with the objective of securing economic growth, prosperity and a life of human dignity for all Namibians*” under subsection 2”. The Namibian economy shall be based inter alia on the following forms of ownership:
  - (a) Public
  - (b) Private,
  - (c) Joint public private
  - (d) Co-operative
  - (e) Co-ownership
  - (f) Small-scale family.

Cde Speaker base on those very important principles, our government is mandated by this article 98 of our Supreme Law the Constitution of Namibia.

5. Cde Speaker based on that Article 98 of our Constitution need to be implemented in full in order to do things differently, to act swiftly and decisively to strengthen our institutions through which public services are delivered and to transform the structure of our economy, so that all Namibians can share in the opportunities that our country offer. Cde Speaker what we need to do just implement the mandate we are given by our constitution under the Article 98, by make sure that: as I said it in all my budget debate:-

I now recommend to our Government as follows:

- SWAPO Party resolution of 2002: on Land Owned by absentees landlord must be implemented without delay. We are now know how many farms as well as to have our Supreme Law the Constitution live document, we need real revisit it and make sure that sovereignty of the state is secured which is Land, Water, and Natural Resources below and above the surface of the land and in the continental shelf and within the territorial water and the exclusive economic zone of Namibia shall belong to the state pilot! I want those seven (7) words must delete out of this Article 100. Which read as follows: "*if they are not otherwise lawfully owned*" How the State to know that, this one is lawfully owned or not, even we know how many houses, farms building which was belongs to then apartheid white minority Regime went missing, now is being regarded lawfully owned.



We were not there in the deed office; some we told is belongs to SA Government.

- NamPost Saving Bank must be a full fresh State Bank;
- AgriBank must be a full fresh State Agricultural Bank.
- DBN to concentrate on invest into economy of the country, manufacturing etc.
- Minerals right all must be given to Epangelo State Company in order to have the negotiating power.
- Ministers to be accountable to all parastatals which fall under their Ministries. Decisions must be taken by the Ministers.
- Government must take serious control of its business.
- Theory of political Office Bearers are not administered must no more accepted any longer. So as Article 40 of our Supreme Law the Namibian Constitution, must be fully implemented, “to direct, coordinate and supervise the activities of ministries and Government’s departments including parastatal enterprises and to review and advise the President and National Assembly on the desirability and wisdom of any prevailing subordinate legislation, regulations or orders pertaining to such parastatal enterprises regarding being had to the public”.
- No privatization of state properties and its service that is not the mandate we are given by the Namibian Nation.
- Let all of us inform our staff members, members of staff and the Nation at large that Government properties, services, are the only properties and services which are theirs they must be the whistle blowers, by doing that, they will have clean School, Hospital, Houses, Offices, Cars and then they will jealously protect them day and night, just like their fellow workers at private companies.

- In order to build a new common purposes so that we can use all of our talents, skills and resources to confront our economic and social challenges as Cde. Minister of Finance told us, we must build capacity, by encourage our people to work hard and build commitment among our people which is the extremely crucial as it brings about as sense of social responsibility among individuals staff members thereby enhancing performance of their country Namibia. Patriotism is the core for success, and the constant vigilant is the price of honest, efficiency, commitment, accountability and responsibility.
- In order to use our talents, I call upon our parastatals, UNAM, Polytechnic, (University), Vocational Institutions to introduce pre-primary skills training of our young children at their Schools, during School holidays to invite Schools to participate in skill training and to call all those generic categories, which base on the psychological makeup at their contributions at job performance, which means they have talents, skills but these came through job performance, they need to be given certificates base on practical experiences. These are the people we used to our houses. These people have competent and commitment by they have been identified they will contribute to the economic development of our country.

## 6. ON EDUCATION:

Education is the best equalizer, the strong education sector, which is capable of creating an educated nation is the back bone of every nation. I thank our SWAPO Party Government by taking a decision of free education to Primary School, full bursaries to our student Doctors. I want to call upon our Government to do as other Governments are doing by giving bursaries to all Namibian students who show skillful talents during the school terms, not on base that this one is a Minister's child or so, by doing this we encouraging oneness and patriotism to our children.

## 7. On Defence Force:

- This progressive force we have built is a defence force that our people in Namibia see protecting the Namibian territory, farms, sick



people, business, and all sovereignty of Namibia be it on land, water air are the responsibility of our defence force. Therefore Cde Speaker: This is Defence Force that are not only participated in protecting the people of Namibia and their properties, but it is a defence force that make us all who love peace and stabilities in Namibia, in SADC, African continent, and the world over.

- It is a defence force participate in evacuate our people out of dangerous situation , in Namibia and neighbors, recently Namibian Air Force went on a rescue mission to Zimbabwe and they made us proud, 13cruel composed of 12 male and one female, they have performed the duty with commitment determination, and patriotism towards the international duties. I thank them all for the job well done.
  - It is a Defence Force that our people trust to protect the borders of our land of brave, soldiers who stay awake at night so that we can sleep in peace.
  - Now as I am the Deputy Minister of Defence, let me declare that we are truly proud of our Namibian Defence Force.
  - Money never be enough, we need to have a Defence Force when stay awake it can detect the stranger movements, we need surveillances, we need radars, protecting clothes we need many things, Thank to Cde. Minister of Finance give us this money. It is not enough, but it is something we can plan our priorities.
  - Money going to improve the life of solders man and women in uniforms.
8. Cde Speaker, I always used to reminded us all that ex-patriotic are not permanent in any country, so also Foreign investors, therefor it is of utmost important that our Government to change the current method of issuing tenders, our fellow business are not dedicated by the tenders they invite those want to do the work, they just tell them that there are projects or job to be done at this amounts together with specification on that project who want to take it or leave it. Cde speaker this is the way we need to follow, tender never makes

Government to do cheap, it robs the Government. By doing this we will provide kickback or brown envelop and the money we are appropriate here will to create a need employment in this country and Namibia we solve the unemployment problems.

## **9. On Defence money N\$6,06077:**

- I thank the President of the Republic of Namibia, H. E. Hifikepunye Pohamba, for entrusted me to lead the Defence Ministry as a Deputy Minister.
- Cde Speaker 24 years ago established a Defence Force that we are all so proud of.
- Cde Speaker we have built this new force out of nothing the apartheid force that was known for its aggression against our people and neighbours in the Southern African. Regime, which were sought us as the liberation movement and to intimidate Government of the front line state.
- It was a Defence force that enforced every apartheid terroring our people in the villages, township, in the hope of stopping us to march to freedom and independent of our mother Namibia's Freedom fight we have won, salutes to the heroes and heroines of our liberation struggle Namibia has forever free. Thanks to all peace-loving people of our Nation.
- Cde. Speaker, I said earlier that we have built Defence Force out ashes of an apartheid force. The left nothing.
- We built this new Defence force with the weapons we came with from Angola in 1990.
- Cde Speaker toward my conclusion this is the budget we are going to use in motivate our defence force man and women in uniforms, to work as a team as brothers and sisters in Army, we know that you the opposition parties are the one whom you were not wanted Namibia to have the defence force. We want to have a defence force who are not think tribal, regionalism, a defence force which believe in the principle of "Comrades if I



injured at war carry me out comrade in Army.” “Ngondalemana moita humbatandjepo Hailwa yandje, mentu gwameme Hailwa kumininandje”, that is a defence force we want.

- Cde Speaker I totally reject and condemn all those Honourable members who want the budget of the Ministry of Defence to be cut.
- We must not forget that this is men and women who were sworn enemies in the battles that shaped our route to democracy, now stand side by side in the defence of our motherland Namibia.
- Finally, Cde Speaker we must know that oppositions are our friend; they are like their fellow opposition parties all over the world.
- With that I support the Budget.

I thank you!