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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. Announcement by the Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:

The Deputy Speaker informed the House that as per the communication received from the Deputy Chief Whip of SWAPO, a Women Caucus Meeting is scheduled for next week Tuesday, 30 November 2021 at 18:00 in the C.1 Conference Room.

All Women Caucus Members are requested to attend this meeting.

3. Presentation of a Petition by the Deputy Speaker to the Assembly in terms of Rule 96(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders:

The Deputy Speaker reported that she has received a Petition submitted on Tuesday, 23 November 2021, by the President of the National Democratic Party (NDP), Mr. Martin Lukato Lukato.

The Petition is calling for the rejecting for the legalizing of abortion and the sterilization in Namibia by some Namibian people who demand it in the form of protest, demonstration, petitions or public hearing.

The Deputy Speaker reported that this Petition is going to be submitted to the Standing Committee dealing with Petitions, and once the Committee has considered it, it shall submit its recommendations to the Standing Committee on Rules and Orders and Internal Arrangements, for referral to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committees for investigation and report back to this Assembly.

4. **ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Muharukua (PDM) asked the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 100) *Replied to*.
- (ii) Dr. Iijambo (SWANU) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 101) *Replied to*.
- (iii) Dr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Development (No. 102) *Replied to*.
- (iv) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Lad Reform (No. 103) *Replied to*.
- (v) Mr. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources (No. 104) - *Replied to*.

5. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the draft Joint Declaration between the Republic of Namibia and the Federal Republic of Germany.

Question before Assembly on Tuesday, 23 November 2021, as moved by the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (page 115): That the Motion be discussed.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology, seconded by Ms. Witbooi, debate adjourned until Thursday, 25 November 2021.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:**

The Deputy Speaker announced that proceedings on the Order Paper of tomorrow shall be re-arranged for Notices of Motions to precede the Orders of the Day.

Agreed to.

7. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:47 until Thursday, 25 November 2021.

MS. L. KANDETU Secretary of the National Assembly

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