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**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

TUESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2021

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker reported that the Country Review Mission of the African Peer Review Mechanism Continental Secretariat will meet with all Members of the National Assembly on tomorrow, 27 October 2021 at 18:00 in the C.1 Conference Room.

The purpose of the consultation will be to discuss the Namibia's Self-Assessment Report which has already been availed to all Members.

3. **The Minister of Finance laid upon the Table:**

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

- (i) Ministry of Health and Social Services for the financial year ended 31 March 2020; and
- (ii) Performance Audit Report of the Auditor-General on the Implementation of the Namibian School Feeding Programme within the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture for the financial years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20.

4. **ORAL QUESTION:**

Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 80) –
Replied to.

5. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

(i) Mr. Muharukua (PDM) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 176).

(ii) Mr. Murorua (UDF) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 177).

6. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Consideration of a Policy framework of Namibia Arts, Culture and Heritage.

The Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture moved, seconded by Ms. Witbooi: That the Policy Framework be considered.

On the motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Van den Heever, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 3 November 2021.

7. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Consideration of the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance.

The Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture moved, seconded by the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security: That the Charter be considered.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Finance, seconded by Ms. !Nawases-Taeyele, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 2 November 2021.

8. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

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

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 20 October 2021, as moved by the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (page 115): That the Motion be discussed.

On the motion of Mr. Muharukua, seconded by Mr. Van Wyk, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 2 November 2021.

9. **FOURTH ORDER** deferred by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation to Thursday, 28 October 2021.

10. **FIFTH ORDER** deferred by Mr. Seibeb to Wednesday, 27 October 2021.

11. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by Ms. Witbooi on behalf of Mr. Dingara to Wednesday, 27 October 2021.

12. **SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Ms. Hengari moved, seconded by Mr. Venaani:

That this Assembly –

Debates the youth unemployment in the country which is more than twice than that for adults. 576 000 is the size of the youth labour force, of this number 265 770 are unemployed roaming the streets without a job. This represents 46% of youth unemployment by the end of 2018. By the end of this year, Namibia is expected to reach a staggering 50.3% youth unemployment rate.

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That this House debates the youth unemployment crisis in Namibia, its ramifications, both in the short, medium to long-term.

The Motion seeks:

- For Parliament to resolve that a state of emergency be declared on the youth unemployment crisis by His Excellency the President, Dr. Hage G. Geingob.
- To discuss and agree on a long term and short-term interventions to resolving the crisis.

On the motion of Mr. Muharukua, seconded by Ms. Van den Heever, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 27 October 2021.

That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

13. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:47 until Wednesday, 27 October 2021.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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