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

WEDNESDAY, 6 JULY 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Ms. Dienda (PDM) asked the Deputy Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare (No. 51) – *Replied to.*
 - (ii) Ms. Dienda (PDM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 52) – *Replied to.*
3. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation made a Ministerial Statement regarding suspected Trafficking of Persons from Namibia to Oman, Middle East since February 2022 as per information provided to the Government of the Republic of Namibia. She informed the House that as of March 2022, it has been reported that approximately thirty-one (31) Namibian women between the ages of 27 – 40 years have fallen prey through Agents both in Namibia and Oman for recruitment as domestic workers in Oman, allegedly in pursuit of greener pasture.

She updated the House that the current status indicates that through cooperation between INTERPOL-Windhoek and INTERPOL-Muscat, as of Thursday, 30th June 2022, twenty-one (21) out of the thirty-one (31) victims have safely returned to Namibia from Oman, through the Hosea Kutako International Airport, of which ten (10) victims are still in Oman. The matter is still under investigation and it is therefore appealed to the Namibian public to remain vigilant in cases of this nature, as trafficking in persons are on the increase not only in Namibia but worldwide due to an economic crisis following the COVID-19 Pandemic and other global disasters.

4. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on Second Reading – *Metrology Bill* [B. 9 – 2021].

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 5 July 2022, as moved by the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade (page 115).

Question put: That the Bill be read a Second Time.

Agreed to.

Metrology Bill [B. 9 – 2021] read a Second Time.

5. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the Treaty between Namibia and Russia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 28 June 2022, as moved by the Minister of Justice (page 41): That the Ratification of Cooperation be agreed to.

On the motion of Ms. Mootu, seconded by Ms. Hengari, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 12 July 2022.

6. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources on the Petitions by the Okavango's Unique Lifestyle (SOUL), Civil Society Organisations in Namibia and Friday's for Future of Windhoek to stop oil drilling in the Okavango.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 5 July 2022, as moved by Mr. Tweya (page 145): That the Committee Report be adopted.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Marginalised Communities, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 12 July 2022.

7. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the establishment of a state owned dialysis center to cater for state patients with chronic kidney failure.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 8 June 2022, as moved by Ms. Moongo (page 20).

Question put: That the Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further investigation and report back to this Assembly.

Agreed to.

8. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on alternative housing financing schemes necessitated by unaffordable bank charges.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 30 June 2022, as moved by Mr. McHenry Venaani (page 32): That the Motion be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back to this Assembly.

Ms. Dienda deferred the Motion on behalf of Mr. McHenry Venaani, until Tuesday, 12 July 2022, for his reply.

9. **SIXTH ORDER READ** deferred to Tuesday, 12 July 2022, by the Minister of Finance.

10. **SEVENTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the release of roadworthiness discs to people who are in arrears but opt to pay partially until the full renewal fee is covered.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 9 June 2022, as moved by Mr. Amutse (page 106).

Question put: That the Motion be adopted.

Agreed to.

11. **EIGHTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the representation and participation of women in politics.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 16 June 2022, as moved by the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services (page 19): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 12 July 2022.

12. In terms of Rule 99(a) and of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:43 until Thursday, 7 July 2022.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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