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

TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
 - (i) The Deputy Speaker informed the Members that while this Assembly was on recess, on 9 August 2022 they learnt about the passing on of Madame Rosemary Jane Katjavivi, the spouse our Speaker Prof. Peter Katjavivi. The Deputy Speaker extended the Assembly's collective deeply felt sympathy and condolences to the Speaker, the children, grandchildren and the entire family members.

Minute of Silence Observed in her Honour.

- (ii) The Deputy Speaker presented and lay upon the Table, in terms of Rule 96(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders –

A Petition from a Christian Organisation called Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide, under the co-ordination of Pastor Immanuel Lisias Elago.

The Petition is titled *“Let the women who refuse to wear trousers be allowed to wear skirts to their work place, schools and/or educational institutions.*

The Petitioners state that they were prompted to submit this Petition because of the persecutions that they as females are going through at their respective work places, schools and/or educational institutions because they refuse to wear trousers according to the Word of God that states that *“it is a sin for women to wear trousers”*.

The Deputy Speaker reported that this Petition is going to be submitted to the Standing Committee dealing with Petitions, to draw up rules governing the treatment

of requests and complaints and shall use them as the basis for its decisions in each case.

- (iii) The Deputy Speaker reported that he has been informed by the Chairperson of the National Council, that the Council in terms of Article 75(2) of the Constitution, considered and confirmed the following *Bill* without amendments.

Combating of Rape Amendment Bill [B. 2 – 2022].

In terms of Article 75(3) of the Namibian Constitution these *Bills* would be referred to His Excellency the President to deal with them under Articles 56 and 64 of our Constitution.

The Deputy Speaker further reported that he has been informed by the Chairperson of the National Council, that the Council, in terms of Rule 75(2) of the Namibian Constitution, considered and confirmed the following *Bills* with amendments.

- (i) *Combating of Domestic Violence Amendment Bill* [B. 1 – 2022];
- (ii) *Metrology Bill* [B. 9 – 2021]; and
- (iii) *Access to Information Bill* [B. 4 – 2020].

These *Bills* will be placed on the Order Paper for reconsideration by this Assembly.

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

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

- (i) Government of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2021;
- (ii) Municipality of Outjo for the financial years ended 30 June 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020;
- (iii) Town Council of Okahao for the financial year ended 30 June 2019;
- (iv) Town Council of Oshikuku for the financial years ended 30 June 2019 and 2020;
- (v) Village Council of Bethanie for the financial years ended 30 June 2019 and 2020;
- (vi) Fisheries Observer Fund for the financial years ended 31 March 2020 and 2021; and
- (vii) Land Acquisition and Development Fund for the financial years ended 31 March 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

4. **QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE:**

- (i) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 80).
- (ii) Mr. Van Wyk (PDM) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 81).
- (iii) Mr. Kauandenge (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 82).
- (iv) Mr. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (No. 83).

5. **Ms. Dienda moved without notice:**

That an indefinite leave of absence be granted to Ms. Jennifer van den Heever until further notice.

Agreed to.

6. **Dr. Iijambo moved without notice:**

That leave of absence due to illness be granted to Mr. Erastus Shuumbwa until further notice.

Agreed to.

7. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded Mr. Karupu, the Assembly adjourned at 15:36 until Tuesday, 13 September 2022.

MS. L. KANDETU
Secretary of the National Assembly

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