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

**THURSDAY, 13 APRIL 2023**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

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

- (i) The Speaker announced that, today, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023, would have been the 101 birthday of the late President Julius Kambarage Nyerere, Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania. He continued by saying that, the nation bow their heads in honour of his revolutionary spirit and pause for a moment to reflect on the life and times of this great African man. His fond memories will continue to be cherished.

May his revolutionary soul continue to rest in perfect peace.

- (ii) The Speaker warmly welcomed on behalf of the House as seated in the Speaker's gallery, Hon. Cynthia Iliana Lopez Castro (Ms), President of the IPU Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and Member of Parliament from Mexico; Hon. Monicah Amoding (Ms), Member of Parliament from Uganda; Hon. Leah Sopiata Moiko (Ms), Member of Parliament from Kenya; Ms. Graca Maria Lopes de Carvalho Sanches, esteemed staff member from Cape Verde and Ms. Karen Dayana Chica Gomez, esteemed staff member from Ecuador.

The Speaker informed the Assembly that this distinguished delegation are from the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and have come to visit Namibia to collaborate on the critical issue of gender equality in politics, focusing on the establishment and strategic planning of a joint women's parliamentary caucus.

3. **Ruling by the Speaker with regard to Written Notices of Questions:**

The Speaker reported that, Hon. Katjimune raised a question of privilege, yesterday, 12 April 2023, regarding Rule 121 of the Standing Rules and Orders, which states that a Member may, if so authorized, act on behalf of an absent Member and similarly take charge of a question, motion or an order of the day.

Consequently, the Speaker ruled that, Rule 121 read together with Rule 90(c) of the Standing Rules and Orders shall apply, which gives discretionary power to the Speaker to allow or not to allow supplementary questions.

4. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Hamata (PDM) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 59).
- (ii) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (No. 60).
- (iii) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 61).

5. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism made a Ministerial Statement on the current status of Human Wildlife Conflict in the country. He indicated that these incidences which mainly involve infrastructure damages, livestock losses, crops damages and in some unfortunate incidences loss of life and injuries to people, remain a concern as they affect the livelihoods of the Namibians.

The Minister mentioned that, to manage and address the impact of Human Wildlife Conflict, the Ministry has developed the National Policy initially implemented in 2009 and revised in 2018, and will host a national conference in May 2023, where stakeholder will dissect the issue of Human Wildlife Conflict and propose long lasting solution to address it.

6. **QUESTIONS DEALT WITH:**

- (i) Hon. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 1) – *Stand over*.
- (ii) Hon. Kavekatora (RDP) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 4) – *Stands over*.
- (iii) Hon. Diergaardt (PDM) asked the Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service (No. 7) – *Stand over*.
- (iv) Hon. Diergaardt (PDM) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 8) – *Stand over*.
- (v) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 14) – *Stand over*.

- (vi) Hon. Dr. Iijambo (SWANU) asked the Prime Minister (No. 15) – *Stand over.*
  - (vii) Hon. Kauandenge (NUDO) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 16) – *Stand over.*
  - (viii) Hon. Swartbooi (LPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 17) – *Stand over.*
  - (ix) Hon. Isaaks (LPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 18) – *Stand over.*
  - (x) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 19) – *Stand over.*
  - (xi) Hon. Muharukua (PDM) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 21) – *Stand over.*
  - (xii) Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM) asked the Right Honourable Prime Minister (No. 24) – *Stand over.*
  - (xiii) Hon. Smit (PDM) asked the Right Honourable Prime Minister (No. 25) – *Stand over.*
  - (xiv) Hon. Hengari (PDM) asked the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 26) – *Replied to.*
  - (xv) Hon. Vries (PDM) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 27) – *Replied to.*
  - (xvi) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) asked the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation (No. 29) – *Stand over.*
  - (xvii) Hon. Mukwilongo (NEFF) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 30) – *Stand over.*
  - (xviii) Hon. Moongo (PDM) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 31) – *Replied to.*
7. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:44 until Tuesday, 18 April 2023.

**MS. L. KANDETU**  
*Secretary of the National Assembly*

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