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

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 2023

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Hon. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 66).
 - (ii) Hon. Katjimune (PDM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 67).
 - (iii) Hon. Kauandenge (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 68).
 - (iv) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 69).
 - (v) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 70).
 - (vi) Hon. Seibeb (LPM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 71).
3. **Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker brought to the attention of the House that the briefing session on Namibia's Green Hydrogen Project, scheduled for tomorrow, 8 June 2023 at 10:00 in the C1 Conference Room, Parliament Building has been postponed until further notice.

4. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. Seibeb moved, seconded by Hon. Isaacks:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the initiation and development of the Green Hydrogen industrial sector in the Republic of Namibia with a view to becoming a global hub in the Green Hydrogen space. Further, that this House discusses the legislative framework, as well as the community involvement in the sector.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, seconded by Hon. Ithete, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 14 June 2023.

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

Hon. Swartbooi moved, seconded by Hon. Mootu:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the Double Taxation Regime (DTR) and its implications for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country, with the purpose of finding an appropriate national taxing regime that would enhance our standing as an investment destination of choice.

On the motion of the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 13 June 2023.

6. **THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by Hon. Dienda on behalf of Hon. McHenry Venaani to Wednesday, 14 June 2023.

7. **FOURTH NOTICE OF A MOTION** deferred by Hon. Dienda on behalf of Hon. McHenry Venaani to Wednesday, 14 June 2023.

8. **FIFTH NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

Hon. Ekandjo moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security:

That this Assembly –

Discusses the unconstitutional Supreme Court judgment on same sex marriage.

On the motion of Hon. Ithete, seconded by Hon. Mukwilongo, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 13 June 2023.

9. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the establishment of a Genocide Memorial Museum for the 1904 genocide perpetuated against the OvaHerero and Nama community.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 26 April 2023, as moved by Hon. Kauandenge (page 16): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of Hon. Dienda on behalf of Hon. Hengari, seconded by Hon. Kandjimi, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 13 June 2023.

10. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Consideration of Report of the Select Committee on the mass resignation of fishermen employed under the Government Employment Redressing Program in Walvis Bay.

Question before the Assembly on Thursday, 27 April 2023, as moved by Hon. Tweya (page 85).

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

11. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of Report of the Standing Committee on the oversight visits to Namibia Revenue Agency, Domestic Tax Offices and Customs entry points in Oshana, Ohangwena and Erongo Regions.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 26 April 2023, as moved by Hon. Ithete (page 84).

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

12. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of the Committee Reports on the 60th Meeting of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the 41st Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly held in Strasborg, France; and Report on the 61st Session of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States - EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and the 42nd Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly held in Maputo, Mozambique.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 26 April 2023, as moved by Hon. Ithete (page 84).

Question put: That the Committee Report be adopted.

Agreed to.

13. **FIFTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the possibility to investigate the unethical multiple charges resulting in over profiteering by Commercial Banks in Namibia's perpetual colonial legacy of class and race discrimination against their clients.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 26 April 2023, as moved by the Hon. Deputy Minister of Works and Transport (page 84): That the Motion be adopted.

On the motion of Hon. Masua, seconded by Hon. Nanyeni, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 13 June 2023.

14. In terms of Rule 99(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:57 until Thursday, 8 June 2023.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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