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2. Honorable members, if we steadfastly continue in this direction, I hold firm belief that Namibia will, one day, emerge as a beacon of financial prudence and accountability. Yet, I must highlight that, despite the positive strides, this budget should not be applied as a political tool to manipulate the sentiments of our distressed and hungry citizens for electoral gains.
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5. Today, we build on what has gone before—and for those who will come after—not by making promises, but by making good on promises. By delivering on commitments. And by having a sense of the future, of where we want to go and the country we want to build. An inclusive and caring society in which fairness and equality of opportunity are the measures of our progress. Our people deserve it!
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