



REMARKS BY

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ON THE OCCASION OF THE

VISIT BY H.E MR. CAI DAFENG, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS

AND HIS DELEGATION

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Introductory Remarks

Ladies and Gentlemen of the media, esteemed colleagues, and honoured guests,

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome the delegation from the National People's Congress of China, led by Vice Chairman His Excellency Mr. Cai Dafeng. Your presence here today is a testament to the robust and growing relationship between our two **parliaments**.

Before proceeding, allow me to introduce my esteemed colleagues from the National Assembly who are joining us today:

1. Hon. Hamunyera Hambyuka, Chief Whip of the Governing Party

2. Hon. Elma Dienda, Chief Whip of the Official Opposition,
3. Hon. Agnes Kafula, Deputy Chief Whip of the Governing Party,
4. Hon. Apius! Auchab, Member of Parliament
5. Hon. Reginald Diergaardt, Member of Parliament

Your Excellency, we are delighted to host your delegation and look forward to fruitful discussions. The relationship between Namibia and China has been strengthened through various parliamentary exchanges and significant gestures of goodwill, not long ago during the Covid-19 pandemic China assisted us with the much needed Covid-19 vaccine and medical equipment. Before Covid-19 H.E Li Zhanshu Chairman of the Standing Committee of the NPC

donated the parliamentary bus as well as the refurbishment of our C1 conference hall, both of which have greatly enhanced our parliamentary facilities and operations and helped us to execute our mandate during the pandemic .

At this juncture, I would like to invite Vice Chairman Mr. Cai Dafeng to introduce his delegation.

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Thank you, Vice Chairman. I now kindly ask the members of the media to exit the room as we move into our extended dialogue.

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