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BRIEFING ON THE PENSION-BACKED HOME LOANS

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Honourable Speaker,
Honourable Members.

1. I stand before this August House to brief Honourable Members of the House that, through the Ministry of Finance and in collaboration with the Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority (NAMFISA) and the Government Institutions Pension Fund (GIPF), has endorsed and is implementing the Pension-Backed Home Loan (PBHL) scheme. This process is overly underwritten by the Office of the Prime Minister.
2. This initiative is introduced as part of the Government's commitment to improve access to decent and affordable housing, particularly for civil servants who are unable to meet conventional bank loan requirements.

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3. Under the scheme, members of GIPF both in proclaimed and unproclaimed areas, will be able to use a portion of their accumulated pension savings as collateral for home loans. This facility may be used to:
 - (i) Purchase residential property or land intended for housing,
 - (ii) Construct or renovate a dwelling,
 - (iii) Settle an existing home loan, or
 - (iv) improve basic housing conditions.
4. The Pension Funds Act 24 of 1956, as amended, allows a pension fund to provide loans to its members for housing purposes in proclaimed and unproclaimed areas.
5. The Government is finalising administrative arrangements with GIPF and payroll systems to ensure seamless implementation. Civil servants will soon receive further communication from the GIPF and their respective ministries regarding eligibility, terms, and the application process.

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6. The Ministry of Finance has set the pricing of the scheme at the Bank of Namibia's Repurchase Rate ('Repo Rate') plus 2.5 percent to ensure a national affordability objective for targeted scheme beneficiaries.
7. We recognize the right to shelter as a fundamental human right. The implementation of this scheme marks a step forward in tackling housing inequality and empowering public servants to own homes and live with dignity.
8. We thank all stakeholders for their collaboration and encourage responsible borrowing and financial planning among all beneficiaries.

Together, we build a better Namibia — one home at a time.

I thank you
