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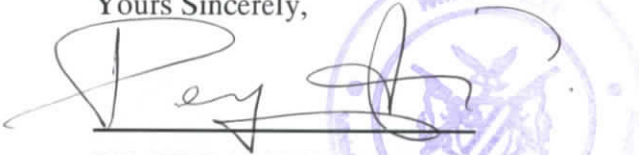
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Date: 22 July 2020

**SUBJECT: CABINET DECISIONS ISSUED AT THE 10<sup>th</sup> (2020) DECISION  
MAKING MEETING**

Attached hereto, kindly find Cabinet Decisions of the 10<sup>th</sup> Decision Making Meeting.

Yours Sincerely,



**DR. PEYA MUSHELENGA, MP**  
**MINISTER**

**1. INTRODUCTION OF A CONSERVATION FEE FOR NATIONAL PARKS AND GAME PARKS:** *(Submitted by the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism)*

1. Cabinet approved the introduction of conservation fee to be paid by visitors to National Parks and Game Parks, as per annexure B attached to the Annotated Agenda;
2. Cabinet approved that revenue from conservation fee accrued from the Game Product Trust Fund should be utilized for management and maintenance of infrastructure in National Parks; human wildlife conflict mitigation and preventative measures; and wildlife protection and law enforcement; and
3. Cabinet took note that park entrance fees will continue to accrue to the State Revenue Fund.

**2. REPORT ON 5G TECHNOLOGY IN NAMIBIA:** *(Submitted by the Minister of Information and Communication Technology)*

1. Cabinet took note of the Report on 5G technology in Namibia;
2. Cabinet directed the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism to ensure that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is undertaken and that proper assessment is made, prior to the possible introduction of 5G technology in Namibia; and
3. Cabinet directed the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology to instruct the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) to expedite the development of 5G Strategy for Namibia for submission to Cabinet.

**3. As previously communicated Cabinet resolved on the PROPOSED ADDITIONAL COVID-19 INTERVENTIONS FOR WALVISBAY, SWAKOPMUND AND ARANDIS LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS as follows:**

*(Submitted by the Minister of Health and Social Services)*

- a.** Cabinet directed that a high level delegation undertakes a fact finding mission on 22 July 2020, to the Erongo Region to engage the relevant stakeholders on the prevalence and impact of COVID-19 in the region, the delegation comprises of:
- b.** Deputy Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation (*Head of Delegation*);
- c.** Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development;
- d.** Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services; and
- e.** Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety, and Security;
- f.** Cabinet took note that active case search is yielding results, as more asymptomatic cases are identified, contacts traced and quarantined to curb further spread of COVID-19. Multiple Rapid Response and Special Support Teams and additional human resources have been deployed to the Erongo Region;
- g.** Cabinet directed the Ministry of Health and Social Services to fast-track the back-log of over One Thousand Five Hundred (1,500) samples due to the increased swabbing in the Erongo Region. The Ministry of Health and Social Services to engage private service providers to assist with the testing of specimen samples;
- h.** Cabinet directed the Ministry of Health and Social Services to engage the Public Service Commission (PSC) to expedite the recruitment of additional health personnel to assist with Covid-19 response;
- i.** Cabinet directed the Ministry of Health and Social Services, in consultation with the Erongo Regional Council to identify more quarantine and isolation facilities to accommodate the increasing number of suspected and positive Covid-19 cases;

*a. Resource Availability for Covid-19 Operations*

- j. Cabinet directed the Ministry of Works and Transport to avail the forty-five (45) vehicles that were not yet delivered to the Security Cluster from the total number of one-hundred and seventy-four (174) vehicles initially requested;
- k. Cabinet further directed Offices/Ministries/Agencies (O/M/As) to avail additional Forty-Five (45) vehicles from their fleet to the Security Cluster, as a matter of urgency, through the Ministry of Works and Transport;
- l. Cabinet directed the Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security to approach Treasury for additional funding amounting to N\$23 million for the COVID-19 operations;
- m. Cabinet directed the Ministry of Health and Social Services to prioritize the testing of the Security Cluster personnel to enable them to return to work from quarantine facilities;

*n. Proposed Resumption of Face-to Face Teaching and Learning*

- o. Cabinet approved the resumption of face to face teaching and learning of Grades 11 and 12 for schools in the three (3) restricted Local Authority Areas (Walvis Bay, Swakopmund and Arandis) in Erongo Region, in accordance with COVID-19 health protocols;
- p. Cabinet directed that measures be put in place at schools to prevent infections among learners in the three (3) restricted Local Authorities;
- q. Cabinet directed that teachers and learners from other regions, currently locked down in the three (3) restricted towns in the Erongo Region should be tested and quarantined, before returning to their respective regions;
- r. Cabinet directed that the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, in consultation with the Ministries of Works and Transport, and Finance, to ensure that infrastructure is in place to facilitate the re-opening of schools currently not meeting COVID-19 health protocols;

*Amendments to Regulations on the Sale of Liquor*

- s. Cabinet directed that the sale of alcohol in Erongo Region be permitted between 12:00pm-18:00pm weekdays and 09:00am-13:00pm on Saturdays on a take away basis, except hotels and restaurant, as per Stage 3 guidelines of the State of Emergency;

- t. Cabinet approved that operating hours for all Liquor Outlets in other regions trade from 09:00am-18:00pm weekdays and 09:00 am-13:00pm on Saturdays on takeaway basis, except hotels and restaurants, for ease of enforcement of the COVID-19 protocols by the Security Cluster; and
- u. Cabinet approved that Clubs, Casinos, Gambling houses and entertainment centres to sell alcohol from 09:00am-21:00pm Monday to Saturday, excluding Erongo Region.

*a. Regulations on Truck Ports during the State of Emergency*

- v. Cabinet directed the Ministries of Health and Social Services and Works and Transport, in consultation with Local Authorities and the transport industry to ensure that truck ports comply with the basic required standard;
- w. Cabinet directed the Ministry of Health and Social Services, in consultation with the Erongo Regional Council and the Office of the Regional Governor to identify the total number of persons requiring COVID-19 food relief in Erongo Region, and expedite the delivery of food donations to such persons.

*Regulation on Motor Vehicles and Public Transportation*

- x. Cabinet approved the restriction on the number of persons to be conveyed in a motor vehicle as follows:
  - a) A person who conveys persons (whether for reward or for any other purpose whatsoever) by means of a public or private motor vehicle, an animal-drawn vehicle or a pedal cycle may not transport:
  - b) More than three (3) persons, including the driver, in a four (4) seater motor vehicle;
  - c) More than four (4) persons, including the driver, in a five (5) seater motor vehicle;
  - d) More than four (4) persons, including the driver, in a seven (7) seater motor vehicle;
  - e) A number of persons, including the driver which exceeds half of the number of passengers allowed to be transported in a motor vehicle not otherwise provided for this directive.
  - f) More than two (2) persons, including the driver, in an animal drawn vehicle; and
  - g) Any persons other than the driver on a motorcycle, motor tricycle or pedal cycle.

- h) An owner or a driver of a motor vehicle, animal-drawn vehicle or pedal cycle who contravenes or fails to comply with the above directives commits an offence and is on conviction liable to a fine not exceeding N\$2,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.
- i) Cabinet directed the Ministries of Health and Social Services and Information and Communication Technology to intensify community educational campaigns on COVID-19, particularly in the Erongo Region;

21. Cabinet directed the Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration and Safety and Security to strictly issue travel permits only for medical emergencies and provision of essential services to and from the three Local Authority Areas;

22. Cabinet took note that the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development in collaboration with the Local Authorities of Walvisbay, Swakopmund and Arandis have identified the following relocation sites to decongest informal settlements, as per the Relocation Action Plan;

- a) NHE plot in Twaloloka location, Walvisbay to accommodate three hundred (300) households;
- b) Municipal plot in Walvisbay for one hundred and ninety-two (192) households
- c) Farm 37 in Walvisbay for five-hundred (500) households;
- d) Fifty (50) households to urban mass housing dwellings in Walvis Bay on a permanent basis; and
- e) Twenty-nine (29) houses under the Mass Housing project in Swakopmund.

23. Cabinet approved the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) related to the handling of persons who have died of notifiable infectious diseases such as COVID-19 to ensure burial are carried out procedurally and without exposure to infection and ensuring the dignity of remains of the deceased.

1. **2015/2016;2016/2017;2017/2018 ANNUAL REPORTS AND 2011/2012;2012/2013/2013/2014 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL DISABILITY COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA (NDCN):**  
*(Submitted by the Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare)*

Cabinet took note of the said Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements and authorize the Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare to table the said Reports in the National Assembly.

2. **2018/2019: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ROAD FUND ADMINISTRATION (RFA):** *(Submitted by the Minister of Finance)*

Cabinet took note of the 2018/2019 Annual Report of the Road Fund Administration (RFA) and authorize the Minister of Finance to table the said Report in the National Assembly.