



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

WELCOME REMARKS

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NAMIBIA – JAMAICA BUSINESS LUNCHEON

HILTON HOTEL, WINDHOEK

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Director of Ceremony;

Most Honourable Mr. Andrew Michael Holness – Prime Minister of Jamaica;

Ministers and Deputy Ministers present here today;

Members of Parliament and Senior Government Officials present here today;

Acting Chief Executive Officer: NCCI – Ms. Charity Mwiya;

Distinguished Captains of Industries;

Renowned Businesspersons;

Members of the Media;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I warmly greet you all this afternoon and special greetings to the Most Honourable Andrew Michael HOLNESS, Prime Minister of Jamaica. I must hasten to say, Jamaica has the fastest stellar sprinters on the planet and Namibia continues to tap from them not only in the area of sport. Please allow me to state how proud we are to have you amongst us today. In the same vein, I am indeed delighted to be there today and consider it an honour to voice few words of welcome.

Jamaica is the current chair of the African, Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) group, and presided over the affairs of our 107th Council Session, in Lomé, Togo, in June 2018, in the engagements with the European Union with positive directions, moving away from unilaterism to more of a partnership approach, a matter that we have always advocated. The ACP is an organisation created by

the Georgetown Agreement of 1975 (currently under review) and founded on principles of Pan- Africanism, and the consolidation of unity and solidarity amongst ACP States and their peoples.

Director of Ceremony,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The people of Namibia and Jamaica share a long political history and continue to solidify diplomatic relations in the areas of technical and economic cooperation, sports and education.

Director of Ceremony, I am only accorded few minutes and it would be remiss of me if I don't acknowledge the spirit of Pan-Africanism with its historical roots in the achievements of African civilisations. Namibia achieved political independence as the outcome of a multiplicity of attitudes held at different times by a number of countries in their own responses to the trajectory of the history of Africa's decolonisation. Such countries were on the African continent and elsewhere as they interacted with one another in international forums. I am proud to say, Jamaica is one of such countries that played a pivotal role and focused the world attention to the plight of the inhabitants of Namibia.

Director of Ceremony,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Pan-Africanism carries an important commandment illustrated in the proverb – **“Unity is Strength”**. The proverb teaches us that, work done jointly can realize anything for continued existence of all. **Kwame Nkrumah once said - *Our***

[Ghana's] independence is meaningless unless it is linked up with the total liberation of the African continent!

The main teaching that bring about our struggle for Freedom is Unity. Our Freedom Fighters were united and brought in more and more fighters by showing the strength of Unity.

With these few remarks, allow me to once again thank you all for coming and wish you a pleasant stay in Namibia.

I THANK YOU!!!