

SECOND SESSION, SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2020

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the United Nations General Assembly resolved to observe the 15th September as the International Day of Democracy, with the purpose of promoting and upholding the principles of democracy in our respective countries. This date coincides with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Universal Declaration on Democracy which was adopted in September 1997. This year, IPU and its member parliaments observe the significance of this day under the theme “*COVID-19 and democracy: Can parliaments come to the rescue?*”

The Speaker said as Parliaments, “our role with other organs of the State is to create a conducive environment for the protection and promotion of fundamental human rights and freedoms of our people, even under the current challenging circumstances of COVID-19 pandemic”.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**
 - (i) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 21).
 - (ii) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 22).
 - (iii) Dr. Iijambo (SWANU) to ask the Minister of Mines and Energy (No. 23).
 - (iv) Mr. Martin (PDM) to ask the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources (No. 24).
 - (v) Mr. Martin (PDM) to ask the Minister of Finance (No. 25).
 - (vi) Ms. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 26).

- (vii) Ms. Van den Heever (PDM) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 27).
- (viii) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (No. 28).
- (ix) Mr. Auchab (UDF) to ask the Prime Minister (No. 29).
- (x) Ms. Muinyangue (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 30).
- (xi) Ms. Muinyangue (NUDO) to ask the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture (No. 31).
- (xii) Ms. Hengari (PDM) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation (No. 32).
- (xiii) Mr. Smit (PDM) to ask the Minister of Justice (No. 33).

4. **ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Mr. Venaani (PDM) asked the Minister of Finance (No. 52) – *To be put in writing.*
- (ii) Ms. Moongo (PDM) asked the Prime Minister (No. 53) – *Replied to.*

5. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 98 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service updated the Assembly on the situation of football in Namibia, which has been a concern to the Ministry and the Namibian nation.

The Minister reported that following the much-publicised fallout within the previous Executive Committee of Namibia Football Association, the Namibian Government through the Minister responsible for Sport, sought FIFA's intervention to restore order, and this culminated in a FIFA appointed normalization Committee tasked with administering the Namibia Football Association.

The Minister further reported that on Monday, 31 August 2020 she formally requested the Namibia Sport Commission to brief her Office on developments around the issue and the interventions they undertook to resolve the impasse engulfing Namibia football. Subsequent to the briefing by the Namibia Sport Commission, the Minister said that she has now directed the Namibia Sport Commission to appoint, in line with Section 8 of the Namibia Sport Act 12 of 2003, a committee to independently and impartially mitigate the impasse in Namibia football.

6. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform moved, seconded by the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism:

That this Assembly –

Agree to the Ratification of the 2018 Revised Agreement between the Governments of the Republic of Botswana, the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Republic of Namibia and the Republic of South Africa on the Establishment of the Orange-Senqu Watercourse Commission (ORASECOM).

Question put: That the Assembly agree to the Ratification.

Agreed to.

7. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Minister of Justice, the Assembly adjourned at 17:40. until Wednesday, 16 September 2020.

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Secretary of the National Assembly

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