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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, 20 JUNE 2024

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.

2. Announcements by the Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 20(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:

The Deputy Speaker announced that today, His Excellency Mr. Dennis Francis, the President of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly will address the Joint Sitting of Parliament.

The Deputy Speaker requested the Hon. Members to remain standing while she is going to invite the Speaker's procession into the Chamber.

Business suspended.

3. Speaker's procession enters the Chamber.

Business resumed.

4. Welcoming remarks by the Hon. Speaker:

The Speaker welcomed His Excellency Mr. Dennis Francis, the President of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly and his delegation to the Parliament of Namibia.

The Speaker said Namibia, and as Parliamentarians, place a great importance to the visit of the President of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, and appreciate and value the close cooperation between H.E Mr. Francis Office and

Namibia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations headed by Ambassador Neville Gertze and his team. It is that close cooperation that have culminated into Namibia to co-host the *"Summit for the Future"*. That Namibia attached great importance to this Summit, hence as a country it pledges its commitment to ensure that the Summit will produce a desirable outcome.

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Dennis Francis.

His Excellency Mr. Dennis Francis the President of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly addressed the Joint Sitting of Parliament.

6. Word of Thanks by Hon. Speaker:

On behalf of Parliament the Speaker expressed his appreciation to the visit of H.E Mr. Francis, and said that as part of Parliament oversight, Namibia will continue to engage both at the IPU level and with the relevant UN Agencies to ensure that it deliver on the promise of making the world a better place for the global citizens.

7. On the motion of the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security adjourned the Joint Sitting of Parliament at 15:24 until further notice, and the sitting of the Assembly at until Tuesday, 25 June 2024.

MS. L. KANDETU Secretary of the National Assembly

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