

STATEMENT BY

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DURING THE

MOTIVATION OF THE

BUDGETARY ALLOCATION OF THE ANTI- CORRUPTION COMMISSION (VOTE 30)

FOR THE 2025 - 2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

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Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, Honourable Members

The independence and impartiality of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) are emphasised in Article 94A(3) of the Namibian Constitution read together with section 2(1) of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2003 (Act No. 8 of 2003). The Anti-Corruption Commission, therefore, remains committed to conduct its operations independently and without undue influence from any functionary or institution.

The Anti-Corruption Commission furthermore remains dedicated to continue to lead the fight against corruption through effective law enforcement and the development and implementation of adequate corruption preventative measures. The Commission's aim remains to contribute to realising its vision and the vision of the Government of the Republic of Namibia of attaining a corrupt-free Namibia.

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, Honourable Members,

In accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2003 (Act No 8 of 2003) the Anti-Corruption Commission is mandated to receive or initiate and investigate allegations of corrupt practices, prevent corruption, educate the public and to raise awareness on the evils of corruption.

In the National Development Plan 6, the Anti-Corruption Commission is required to contribute to Pillar 4 (Effective Governance and Public Service Delivery). The Commission does so through its investigations and corruption prevention activities, which results in increased accountability and transparency.

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, Honourable Members,

During the 2024/2025 Financial Year the Anti-Corruption Commission was allocated **One Hundred and Five Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$105,992,000)** inclusive of operational and develop budgets, as per the Mid-Year Term Budget Review of the said Financial Year.

For the 2025/2026 Financial Year, the Anti-Corruption Commission is allocated One Hundred and Sixteen Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$116,549,000), of which One Hundred and Three Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$103,549,000) is allocated for operational activities, while Thirteen Million Namibia Dollars (N\$13,000,000) is allocated for the capital development.

The budget allocation for the 2025/2026 Financial Year represents an increase of **9.96%** compared to the 2024/2025 budgetary allocation.

The budgetary allocations per the Main Divisions of the Commission is as follows:

1. Main Division 01: Office of the Director-General

An amount of Five Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-Six Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$5,376,000) is earmarked for the Office of the Director-General. From this amount, Four Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-Three Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$4,843,000) will cover remuneration and related expenditure in this main division, whereas Five Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$533,000) is set aside to cover goods and other services.

2. Main Division 02: Administration

An amount of Forty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$46,759,000) is budgeted for this main division, inclusive of support and coordinating services. An amount of Thirteen Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Eight Namibia Dollars (N\$13,888,000) is earmarked for remuneration and related expenditure in this main division. In respect of utility services (entailing municipal and telecommunication charges) for the five Anti-Corruption Commission offices located respectively in Windhoek, Swakopmund, Otjiwarongo, Oshakati, and Rundu an amount of Four Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-Six Thousand Namibia **Dollars** allocated. Meanwhile, the rental (N\$4,326,000) is accommodation for four of the regional offices will cost an estimated

amount of Three Million, Six Hundred and Sixteen Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$3,616,000).

Furthermore, an allocation of **Thirteen Million Namibia Dollars** (**N\$13,000,000**) is earmarked for the Development Budget (for the Construction, Renovation, and Immovable Properties Improvement for 2025/2026 Financial Year).

3. Main Division 03: Investigations

An amount of Forty-One Million, Two Hundred and Sixteen Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$41,216,000) is earmarked for this main division. Thirty-Six Million and Sixteen Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$36,016,000) is budgeted for remuneration and related expenditure under this main division. In this regard, it should be noted that the Commission has only five regional offices and investigating officers are required to travel to the remaining regions whenever the need arises. An amount of Two Million and Five Hundred Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$2,500,000) is earmarked for contractual obligations in respect of the upgrade and maintenance of investigative software licensing and annual fees (Electronic Case Management System and Forensic Investigation Tools).

Furthermore, an amount of **One Million and Five Hundred Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$1,500,000)** is to cater for other goods and services to be utilized for acquiring specialized expertise and skills when required during complex investigations.

4. Main Division 04: Public Education and Corruption Prevention An amount of Seventeen Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Three Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$17,823,000) is allocated to this main division. An amount of Fifteen Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$15,122,000), out of this allocation, is set aside for remuneration and related expenditure. The main function of the Public Education and Corruption Prevention Officials is to educate, raise awareness and take measures to prevent corruption. As part of the preventative measures, the officials examine the systems and procedures of institutions to eliminate corruption vulnerabilities within institutions. Training on ethics and integrity is also conducted. In addition, they are also responsible to oversee the implementation of the second National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan (2021-2025).

5. Main Division 05: Security and Risk Management Services

This Main Division is allocated an amount of Four Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand Namibia **Dollars** (N\$4,332,000) in total. Out of that amount, Two Million, Four Eighty-Two Hundred Thousand Namibia **Dollars** and (N\$2,482,000) is allocated for remuneration and related expenditure, whereas an amount of One Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$1,750,000) is earmarked for the maintenance expenditure, in particular the upgrading of the ACC security systems.

6. Main Division 06: Performance Improvement

This Main Division is mandatory, and an amount of **One Million and Forty-Three Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$1,043,000)** is allocated for its operational expenditure. Of the said amount **Nine Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$931,000)** is earmarked for personnel expenditure. The division is to bear the responsibility for planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluating performance at the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, Honourable Members,

Allow me to remind this August House that corruption impacts negatively on investor confidence, economic growth and development, infrastructure development and healthcare, to mention but a few. In view of the aforementioned, it remains crucial to improve the budget allocation of the Anti-Corruption Commission to enable it to perform its entrusted responsibilities and mandate.

In conclusion, I now present to this August House the request in respect of Vote 30 of the Anti-Corruption Commission for the allocation of the amount of **One Hundred and Sixteen Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$116,549,000)** as set out in the Schedule of the Appropriation Bill for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

I thank you.