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## Preservation of Peace & Our Sovereignty

The preservation of peace and sovereignty has and will continue to be the focal point of the SWAPO Party's National Security Policy. It is evident that the commitment of the SWAPO Party to the people of Namibia bears true allegiance to the guardian task of protecting, defending and preserving our sovereignty. The SWAPO Government implemented measures to safeguard the core values underpinning our sovereignty and territorial integrity, while mindful of certain challenges which may pose a risk or compromise. The SWAPO Party will, therefore, continue to remain fully alert and identify all possible challenges, especially those purposefully constructed to either entice or scare us into submission. The preservation of our sovereignty is, therefore, a long term insurance for our national survival.

Therefore, for Namibia to move confidently into the future, it needs a Party with a consistent track record of preserving our sovereignty, maintaining peace and stability. There is only one Party in Namibia with that respectable track record and it is the SWAPO-Party which fought for freedom and liberated Namibia and continues to preserve our sovereignty without any compromise.

## Prudent Macro-Economic Policies

The SWAPO Party committed itself in 1990 to implement policies that promote sustainable economic growth in order to ensure poverty alleviation, with the ultimate objective of poverty eradication and enhancement of the standard of living of the people of Namibia. In the 2004 SWAPO Party Manifesto, the Party promised the nation to continue improving the responsible management of the Namibian economy. This has been achieved with distinctive accolades. Testament to our success is the following statement:

*"The Namibian economy performed relatively well in comparison with the agreed SADC macro-economic convergence targets. In-*

*deed, the country is already within and in most instances exceeded most of the agreed macroeconomic convergence SADC targets"* (2008 SADC Macroeconomic Convergence Report).

In managing the economy, the SWAPO Party closely cooperated with local and international entities to provide an independent assessment of how the economy performed over a period of time. The above assessment undertaken by the SADC Secretariat in reviewing SADC economies in 2008 is clear testimony on how prudently the

Party has managed the Namibian economy.

The SWAPO Party government was endorsed when Namibia joined an elite club of responsible governments, alongside South Africa and Botswana, in the eyes of the global financial community when Namibia was awarded an investment credit rating grade ("BBB") by Fitch Ratings in 2006. The investment grade rating was based on Namibia's existing stable policy environment and sound macroeconomic fundamentals. The rating also demonstrated that the country is transparent, with

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SWAPO Party Government managed the Namibian economy during the implementation of the 2004 SWAPO Party Manifesto. The SADC Budget deficit target in 2008 was 5% of GDP. Namibia outperformed this target by 2008. In addition, the government budget was not in deficit but in surplus.

Namibia's debt which stood at 33.8% of GDP in 2004/05 declined to 18% by 2008 which is far lower than the agreed target of 60% of GDP set for SADC by 2008. Inflation targeting set for SADC convergence was 9%. However, average inflation rate in Namibia was below 9% in 2008. Namibia's current account remains in surplus compared to the SADC account deficit target in 2008 of 9%. It goes with saying that the SWAPO Party government has again demonstrated its impressive capacity in managing the affairs of the State by meeting and exceeding the targets agreed by fellow SADC member States.

Moreover, the robustness of our fiscal policies was put to the test with the high fuel prices, inflation crisis and depreciation of our currency in early 2008. As can be expected from a well-managed economy such as the Namibian economy, we were able to weather these concurrent storms. In 2005, the SWAPO Party government invited a well known international rating Company to provide an independent opinion on the performance of the Namibian government and how the SWAPO

political and economic stability, good governance, respect for human rights and rule of law as well as good economic

growth prospects. This investment rating offered credibility and opened doors for many Namibian companies who want to borrow from international markets at lower costs. The challenges of inclusivity, access to finance and the development of vibrant small-medium enterprises remain focal areas of the SWAPO Party.

## Job creation & Poverty Alleviation

Issues relating to job-creation and retention remain an ongoing challenge and focus of the SWAPO Party. It is the intent of the SWAPO Party to enable our people to access and retain productive and decent jobs. This is an area that deserves urgency both from Government and private sector. Our commitment to this extent is made clear in the passing of the new Labour Act which abolished exploitative practices such as labour-hire. The SWAPO Party Government created thousands of seasonal and permanent jobs over the past five years through Government infrastructure investment programme and other interventions. Many jobs were also created in the mining and other sectors of the economy.

Over the past five years, the Social Security Commission registered thousands of new employees providing evidence that the economy, indeed, generated jobs in various sectors of the economy. By 2006, rural water supply coverage reached 90.7% of the population from 75% in 2000, while urban water supply reached coverage of 98.4% of the population. The number of orphans on the grant system increased from 8000 in 2002 to 102 136 in March 2009. Old-age grants were also increased by 21.6% and improved coverage of old-age grants to 90%.

In addition, close to 2000 veterans are covered under the veteran's grant scheme with this number likely to rise. HIV/AIDS infection prevalence declined to 17.8% in 2008 from 22% in 2002. These are but a few examples of how the SWAPO Party has improved the

social safety nets to relieve poverty, particularly, in rural areas.

## Infrastructure

The SWAPO Party government has invested heavily in the provision and maintenance of an extensive and well functioning infrastructure. Namibia is now placed in 2<sup>nd</sup> position in Sub-Saharan Africa and ranked 33<sup>rd</sup> globally out of 134 countries as a country with the most developed infrastructure. The country's investments in infrastructure is yielding results, as the quality of the country's infrastructure is only comparable to that of developed countries, ranking neck to neck with the UK and better than the USA (World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report 2008/09). We will continue to focus on infrastructure development in rural areas where the majority of our people reside. These developments relate to improvement of energy supply and security, water supply and transport and communication

Recognizing the delays in the implementation of some of the public projects, the SWAPO Party Government undertook a project cycle audit to identify possible bottlenecks in the implementation of public

projects. As a result, a range of measures have been proposed to improve delivery rates in order to ensure service delivery to our people.

## Global Financial Crisis:

Namibia has not been spared the consequences of the global financial turmoil. As a tested Party with proven governance credentials, a preparedness strategy was swiftly crafted to absorb some of the negative effects of economic downturn. This was bolstered by past prudent fiscal management which provided sufficient fiscal space to expand the budget and make it pro-poor and pro-growth despite recessionary pressures. In addition, the SWAPO Party Government initiated several measures, including a policy package to counteract the effect of the high food and fuel prices and minimize the impact of the global financial crisis, contrary to what our detractors are trying to tell the nation. The 2009/10 budget contained a number of measures to induce private and public spending through reduction in both individual and corporate tax rate.

Individual tax reduction to an amount of N\$800m or 1.1% of GDP, and corporate tax rate cut of 1.0 percentage, amounting to around N\$300m was announced in March 2009. This was aimed at putting more money in the hands of consumers and the private sector to minimize the negative effects of the global financial crisis. Infrastructure spending was also increased by N\$357.8m to N\$1.5bn, transfers to households and nonprofit organizations were increased by N\$732.0m targeting mainly the rural sector of our economy.

In order to counteract the effect of higher food and fuel prices, the SWAPO Party Government implemented a number of deliberate measures. These included a zero - rate value added tax on selected food items, rebate facilities for food importers, and a food distribution program to feed the most vulnerable. In addition, government expanded the social safety nets, increased payments to the elderly, orphans, vulnerable children and war veterans.

## Education

Furthermore, the education sector enjoyed the largest budgetary allocation in the last five years. In addition to other measures, the SWAPO Party Government developed *Education and Training Sector Improvement Programme (ETSIP)*. This is the road map that represents the education and training sector's response to Vision 2030.

*Early Childhood Development Programme (ECD)* is one of the 8 sub-programmes of ETSIP that is aimed at making education accessible to the most disadvantaged communities. Since 2004, a total number of 2878 ECD centres were registered in all 13 regions. The enrolment of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC's) in these centres remains a key priority of *Early Childhood Development Programme*

*Pre-Primary Education (PPE)* was introduced into the formal education system in 2009 by the SWAPO Party Government. Teachers have been trained at the National Institute of Education Development (NIED) and a curriculum development process was initiated.

The process is expected to be completed by 2010. PPE will be extended to rural areas so that rural communities can also benefit.

*Vocational Education and Training (VET)* - Act No. 1 of 2008 provided the legislative framework for strengthening vocational education and training. The Namibian Training Authority (NTA) has been set up to facilitate the process of collecting levies to promote VET.

## Gender Equity and Equality

In order to promote and improve the status and condition of women as promised in the 2004 SWAPO Party Manifesto, the SWAPO Party's efforts are manifested in legal instruments introduced by the SWAPO Party including *Married Persons Equality Act, Combating of Rape Act, Combating of Domestic Violence Act, Maintenance Act, Communal Land Reform Act, National Gender Policy* and many more.

The SWAPO Party Government

has achieved the SADC target of 30% of women in politics and decision making. The number of women Parliamentarian has reached 31%. Representation of women in Local Authority stands at 45% and this has been largely contributed by the affirmative action act clause within the Local Authority Act. In addition, a High Level Inter-Ministerial Committee on Domestic Violence and Violence in general was launched in 2008 to monitor and coordinate efforts to reduce high level of violence in the country.

## Youth Economic Empowerment

A number of empowerment projects were implemented over the past five years, namely, *The Namibian Youth Credit Scheme (NYCS)* which created more than 1000 jobs for the Youth. Another programme, the *Youth Skills Training Programme* benefited more than 600 Youth since 2004.

## Conclusion

During the bitter and glorious liberation struggle, we rightly predicted that "when the history of a free and independent Namibia is written one day, SWAPO will go down as having stood firm, where others have wavered, that it sacrificed for the sacred cause of liberation, where others have compromised."

Today we are armed with the same fortitude, hope and determination to free ourselves from the shackles of hunger, disease, ignorance and poverty. Our forefathers and martyrs of the land of the brave have sacrificed in order for Namibia to be independent, sovereign and free.

We therefore re-commit ourselves to work as hard as possible in order to fulfill these ideals. We have transformed from a vanguard liberation movement to a seasoned political Party with the ability, focus and human capital to responsibly manage change and accommodate new ideas. The SWAPO Party will, through hard work, continue to facilitate hope and opportunities for ALL Namibians.

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**Description:** SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF OUTDOOR FURNITURES SUITABLE FOR SWIMMING POOL, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS, INFORMAL MARKETS AND PARKS  
**Closing Date:** Friday, 25 September 2009 at 11:00  
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**Closing Date:** Friday, 25 September 2009 at 11:00  
**Tender Documents:** The Tender Documentation will be available on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009, from 09h00, at the Customer Care Centre, Rev. Michael Scott Street, Windhoek.  
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