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SPEECH BY ACTING CHIEF OF THE NAMIBIAN DEFENCE FORCE AIR VICE MARSHAL MARTIN K PINEHAS AT THE ACCREDITATION CEREMONY OF THE DEFENCE ATTACHÉS/ADVISORS ACCREDITED TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, HELD AT THE DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS, ON 10 MAY 2019, DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS, WINDHOEK

General officers,

Senior Officers

Respective Defence Attachés/Advisors

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning!

I have the honour and privilege to welcome you to the Namibian Defence Force Headquarters as representatives of your respective Defence Forces. Dear officers, your deployment to Namibia is a demonstration of the sound relations existing between your countries and Namibia, especially in the areas of Defence and Security.

Similarly, I would like to inform you that my office will always be open through the right channels, and you are welcome to make your appointments at any convenient time in order to discuss on our bilateral engagements. I hope that most of the planned bilateral programmes and commitments especially in areas of training will be implemented during your stay.

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Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate you on the commencement of your tour of duty in the Republic of Namibia, and I wish you a good stay. Equally, I congratulate your predecessors whose tour of duty just ended, for maintained good relationship with our Defence Forces. We are therefore, looking forward to further strengthening our relations and cooperation.

The ceremony that we just conducted is your license to conduct your duty in this country. In this regard, we have a Liaison Office which is responsible to coordinate your interaction with my office and other offices within the Ministry of Defence and the Namibian Defence Force. That office is headed by Colonel Leevi Kapadhi, the Senior Staff Officer responsible for International Cooperation, assisted by Lt Colonel Gerhard Iindongo who is the Foreign Liaison Officer.

Finally, dear officers, I hope some of you had a good opportunity to explore Namibia during your country tour. I wish you the best in executing your duties as Defence Attaches and Advisors. Once again, enjoy your stay in the Republic of Namibia and safe journey back home.

I thank you.

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