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CABINET DECISIONS ISSUED AT THE 19th (2024) DECISION MAKING MEETING

Attached here to, kindly find the Cabinet Decisions of the 19th (2024) Decision-Making meeting, held on 29 October 2024.

Yours Sincerely,

EMMA THEOFELUS, MP
MINISTER

1. REVIEW OF THE 1ST NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION PLAN AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2ND NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION PLAN

(Submitted by the Prime Minister)

1.1 Cabinet took note of the Report on the Framework Proposal for the Review of Namibia's 1st National Human Rights Action Plan 2015-2019 and the development of the National Human Rights Action Plan 2;

1.2 Cabinet directed Offices/Ministries/Agencies (O/M/As) to participate in the National Human Rights Action Plan Review and development of the successor Human Rights Action Plan;

1.3 Cabinet approved that the submissions from the Ombudsman be considered at the meeting of the Executive Directors to ensure a coordinated approach to dealing with the matter;

1.4 Cabinet further directed the Ministry of Justice, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises to coordinate the process and assess the expenditure requirements for the review of the 1st National Human Rights Action Plan and the development of the National Human Rights Plan 2, and advise Cabinet on the funding modalities for implementation of the Action Plan.

2. TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH (TAC) FOR HAKE FOR THE 2024/2025 FISHING SEASON, FROM 1ST NOVEMBER 2024 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

(Submitted by the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources)

2.1 Cabinet approved a once-off Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Hake to be set at one-hundred and forty thousand (140,000) metric tonnes for the 2024/2025 fishing season and direct the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources to consider a gradual reduction of the TAC over the years to reach the recommendation of the Scientists.

3. RATIFICATION OF THE REVISED AFRICAN MARITIME TRANSPORT CHARTER

(Submitted by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport)

4. Cabinet endorsed Namibia to ratify the African Maritime Transport Charter which aims to promote the development of maritime transport across Africa and ensure effective and efficient management of maritime resources within the continent;

4.1 Cabinet authorised the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport to table the Charter in the National Assembly for ratification;

4.2 Cabinet further directed the relevant Ministries to develop and implement a National Action Plan to align Namibia's maritime sector with the objectives of the Charter.

5. RATIFICATION OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) TREATY ON INTELLECTUAL

**PROPERTY, GENETIC RESOURCES AND ASSOCIATED
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE**

(Submitted by the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade)

- 5.1 Cabinet took note and authorised the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade to table the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and associated Traditional Knowledge in the National Assembly for ratification;
- 5.2 Cabinet approved that the instrument of ratification be deposited with WIPO through the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation, once adopted by the National Assembly.

**6. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR NAMIBIA TO HOST A SHERPA
MEETING OF THE HIGH LEVEL PANEL FOR A SUSTAINABLE
OCEAN ECONOMY ON 11-13 DECEMBER 2024, WALVIS BAY,
ERONGO REGION**

(Submitted by the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources)

Cabinet approved the hosting of the Sherpa Meeting of the High Level Panel (HLP) for sustainable ocean economy at Walvis Bay, Namibia from 11-13 December 2024. The High-Level Panel for sustainable Ocean Economy is a platform of Head of States and Governments that discusses progress on issues related to the Ocean economy such as: Ocean and climate change issues; Progress on prioritised ocean climate-action issues by each Member State; Progress toward the 100% sustainable ocean management as per the Transformations Document.

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