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**UPDATE ON THE MEMORIAL AND FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
LATE PRESIDENT DR HAGE G. GEINGOB**

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Fellow Namibians, good afternoon,

Today marks exactly two days before we lay the third President of the Republic of Namibia, H.E. Dr. Hage G. Geingob to rest at Heroes Arce. I would like to use this platform to update the nation on the arrangements and preparations of our late President.

1. As I indicated in my previous updates, 27 International delegations of which 18 are Heads of State and Governments will be attending our late President's official memorial and burial service. I would like to highlight that the following Presidents will be attending the funeral;

- President of the Republic of Angola
- President of the Republic Botswana
- President of the Republic of Burundi
- President of Sierra Leone
- President of South Africa,
- President of Tanzania
- President of Finland
- President of Germany,
- President Ghana,
- President of Kenya
- President of Zambia
- President of Zimbabwe

- President of Malawi
- President of Mozambique,
- President of Qatar
- President of the Council of State of the National Assembly of Popular Power
- President of Zambia
- President of Zimbabwe
- President of Ethiopia
- Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, Princess Royal is a member of the British royal family.
- Vice President of Equatorial Guinea
- Prime Minister of Lesotho

- Prime Minister of Madagascar
- Prime Minister Rwanda
- Prime Minister. São Tomé and Príncipe
- Deputy Prime Minister (Senator) of Eswatini

The following former Heads of State will also attend:

- Joseph Kabila, Former President of President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Former President of Liberia
- H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo, Former President of Nigeria
- H.E. Thabo Mbeki Former President
- H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, Former President of Tanzania
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We have also received confirmation that the following International Bodies will be represented:

- United Nations Deputy-Secretary General
- African Union Commission
- Commonwealth
- United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
- UN Deputy Special Representative e (South Sudan)
- Executive Secretary of SADC
- CEO African Peer Review Mechanism
- International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
- SAMIM
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Government representatives from various countries, Non-Resident Ambassadors and eminent persons are also expected to arrive in Namibia between today and tomorrow.

2. The official programme will be shared today and urge the Namibians and international guests to arrive on time for the smooth running of the programme. A wrong programme has been circulating for the past few hours and we urge the public to refrain from spreading wrong information and rely on information provided by the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology.

3. The official memorial service of the late President will take place on Saturday, 24 February 2024 at the Independence Stadium in Windhoek. The gates at the Independence Stadium will open at 10:00 and the public is invited to attend.
4. The official burial of the late President will be held at Heroes Acre on the outskirts of Windhoek, with the programme ending at 12:00. Gates for members of the public will open at 06:00
5. 5. To this end, I would like to reiterate that no official invitations will be issued to various persons. The Protocol Department of the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation will attend to all VIP guests when they arrive at the stadium and burial site.

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