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### **Proclamation**

by the

#### PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

No. 14 2010

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GRANTING OF PRESIDENTIAL PARDON OR REPRIEVE TO CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF OFFENDERS

In terms of Sub-Article (8) of Article 32 of the Namibian Constitution I announce that I have, under the powers vested in me by Sub-Article (3)(d) of that Article and in commemoration of Heroes Day on 26 August 2010, granted pardon or reprieve to certain prisoners as set out in paragraph 1 below, except any prisoners to whom the provisions of paragraph 2 apply:

- 1. (a) The following prisoners have been pardoned:
  - (i) Those serving sentences of imprisonment whose conditional release on parole had been approved prior to or on 26 August 2010.
  - (ii) Those serving sentences of imprisonment of twelve months or less and who, on 26 August 2010, had served half or more of their sentences.
  - (iii) Those of the age of 60 years or older and who had, during their incarceration in prison, maintained good discipline and who, once released, are likely not to pose any risk to society.

- (b) Pardon has been granted to all prisoners who, on 26 August 2010, were serving sentences of twelve months or less but who on that date had not yet completed half of their sentences, which pardon is to become of effect on the date that they complete serving half of their sentences.
- (c) Reprieve of a period of three months has been granted to prisoners who are serving sentences of more than twelve months but not more than two years and who, on 26 August 2010, had served half or more of their sentences.
- (d) Reprieve of a period of three months has been granted to prisoners who are serving sentences of more than twelve months but not more than two years and who, on 26 August 2010, had not yet completed half of their sentences, which reprieve is to become of effect on the date they complete serving half of their sentences.
- 2. The pardon and reprieve granted under paragraph 1 does not apply to any prisoner contemplated in that paragraph who falls in any of the following categories:
  - (a) Prisoners who have been released under any previous presidential pardon or reprieve since Namibia's Independence and have again been convicted for any crime committed thereafter.
  - (b) Prisoners convicted of any of the following offences:
    - (i) Assault causing grievous bodily harm.
    - (ii) Rape.
    - (iii) Murder.
    - (iv) Attempted murder.
    - (v) Robbery with aggravated circumstances.
    - (vi) Housebreaking with aggravated circumstances.
    - (vii) Treason.
    - (viii) Illegal conveyance or supply of dependence-producing drugs.
    - (ix) Theft of, dealing in or possession of ivory or rhino horns.
    - (x) Theft, possession or supplying of illegal arms.
    - (xi) Stock theft, where the value of the stolen stock exceeds N\$4000-00.
  - (d) Prisoners who, on 26 August 2010, have further charges pending.
  - (e) Prisoners who previously were released on parole but violated the parole conditions by committing another offence while on parole.
  - (f) Sentenced prisoners who escaped from prison and while at large committed an offence.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of Namibia, at Windhoek, this 29th day of July, Two Thousand and Ten.

HIFIKEPUNYE POHAMBA President BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT-IN-CABINET

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