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**President Hage G. Geingob mourns the death of Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, describes Comrade Winnie as a “colossus in the fight for freedom”**

The President, His Excellency, Dr. Hage G. Geingob mourns the loss of Mama Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, whom he defines as “a courageous revolutionary and a colossus in the fight for freedom in South Africa and the struggle for a better life for the majority.” President Geingob singles out Nomzamo Winifred Zanyiwe Madikizela-Mandela as “a genuine comrade-in-arms and steadfast freedom fighter who devoted her life to resistance against racial oppression and the tyranny of Apartheid. Her passing away is a loss to her family and South Africa, including the liberation movement.”

Recalling the life and times of the late Mama Winnie, President Geingob states, “Comrade Winnie joined the liberation struggle in South Africa at an early age, at untold personal harm and became affectionately known as Mother of the Nation”. President Geingob further emphasizes, “Comrade Winnie, who would call me son, lived a life of service in the interest of the oppressed people, working tirelessly for the realization of economic freedom. I must say that the struggle for liberation and socio-economic justice has lost a once in a generation heroine.”

The President sends heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Namibian people, and the Government of the Republic of Namibia to the people of the Republic of South Africa, the Government and the African National Congress for the loss of a stalwart of the struggle. “At this hour of mourning, our thoughts and prayers go out to the bereaved family, whom we hope will find solace in the global outpouring of compassion and well wishes”, President Geingob concludes.

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