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PRESIDENT GEINGOB ANNOUNCES RESHUFFLE TO DEPUTY MINISTER PORTFOLIOS

Following recent re-assignments to Cabinet portfolios, President Geingob announces the following changes and appointments to the Deputy Minister portfolios, with immediate effect:

| MINISTRY | DEPUTY MINISTER |
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| 1. Office of the Prime Minister | Hon. Chief Samuel Ankama |
| 2. Ministry of International Relations & Co-operation | Hon. Christina //Hoebes |
| 3. National Planning Commission and Ministry in the Presidency for Economic Planning | Hon. Pieter van der Walt |
| 4. Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration | Hon. Maureen Hinda |
| 5. Ministry of Industrialization, Trade & SME Development | Hon. Lucia Ipumbu |
| 6. Ministry of Public Enterprises | Hon. Veikko Nekundi |
| 7. Ministry of Information and Communication Technology | Hon. Engel Nawatiseb |
| 8. Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations & Employment Creation | Hon. Tommy Nambahu |
| 9. Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources | Hon. Sylvia Makgone |
| 10. Ministry of Environment & Tourism | Hon. Bernadette Jagger |

Following the promotion of three long serving Deputy Ministers last week, to full Ministerial portfolio and departure of three Deputy Ministers (Ministry of

Agriculture, Water and Forestry; Works and Transport and Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation), six (6) vacancies were created on the establishment.

In making these appointments, President Geingob took into account the need to realign Deputy Ministers. Existing vacancies have been primarily filled with appointees from Ministries that were previously served by two Deputies. Five (5) Ministries of the total twenty-five (25), were served by two Deputy Ministers each. There is no longer any Ministry served by two (2) Deputy Ministers. Three (3) Deputy Ministers responsible for special recognition categories (Marginalized, Disability and Veteran Affairs) have been clustered under the Presidency, to leverage resources.

With regard to gender balance, seventeen (17) of the twenty-eight (28) Deputy Ministers are women. Finally, in line with Government's leadership succession philosophy, two new appointments were made, namely, Hon. Veikko Nekundi and Hon. Bernadette Jagger.

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