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President Hage G. Geingob and Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat conclude talks on the state of Africa

The President of the Republic of Namibia, His Excellency, Dr. Hage G. Geingob hosted today for talks the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, His Excellency, Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat at State House.

In his remarks, President Hage G. Geingob recalled the context of Namibia's liberation struggle, and the support from African countries, including international solidarity as informing the country's Pan-African commitment to continental integration. Moreover, the decision to play the AU Anthem at official events underscores the country's symbolic commitment to the unity of the continent. President Geingob pledged that Namibia would implement the AU's Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, through the 10-year implementation plan. What is essential, the President emphasized, is for decisions to be arrived at through a transparent process of consultations.

President Geingob underlined Namibia's role in the Committee of Ten, dealing with coordination of the African position, the Ezulwini Consensus and Sirte Declarations on reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). The President stressed the need for UNSC reform, and African representation in the eminent body. On governance in Africa, President Geingob highlighted Namibia's experience, including the centrality of processes, institutions and systems as sustainable tools in the mediation of conflict.

The President reiterated Namibia's position on Western Sahara, calling on all parties to respect the will of the Saharawi people to decide their own future. As Deputy and incoming Chair of SADC, President Geingob also provided a brief overview of political developments in SADC, including the DRC, Lesotho and Madagascar.

While agreeing with President Geingob on the role of African

brothers and sisters, and their support in Namibia's liberation struggle, the Chairperson of the AUC, H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat underlined the sacrifices made by the Namibian people to free their country. The AUC Chair informed that he was proud of the investments Namibia had made in the agenda of the AU, and was convinced that Namibia would succeed as a country.

The AUC Chair outlined the Reform Agenda of the AU as piloted by his office, including ongoing efforts to correct the untenable financial situation of the AU, where 80% of its programs are funded by external donors. Echoing President Geingob's position on the Western Sahara, H.E, Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat agreed on the importance of dialogue and respect for AU positions.

H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat and his delegation, in Namibia at the invitation of President Hage G. Geingob will depart Namibia tomorrow, Wednesday 9 May 2018.

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