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Chairman of the National People's Congress, H.E Li Zhanshu pays a courtesy visit on H.E, President Hage G. Geingob

The Chairman of the National People's Congress, His Excellency Li Zhanshu paid today 16 May 2018 a courtesy visit on the President of the Republic of Namibia, H.E, President Hage G. Geingob. President Geingob recalled his visit to the People's Republic of China in March 2018, and the warm reception he got from His Excellency, President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Keqiang, and Chairman of the National People's Congress, Li Zhanshu.

The President informed that he was meeting the Chairman for the fourth time. However, today's meeting was different since it was the first time that the two leaders met in Namibia, with the aim of continuing and deepening the valued friendship between Namibia and China. President Geingob said that some Namibians questioned the sense of gratitude expressed towards those who assisted and provided support to Namibia in the struggle for freedom. "But the truth does not change, even after a hundred years", the President emphasized. President Geingob further emphasized that as an expression of friendship and a partnership of equals, China elevated relations between the two countries to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership on Cooperation, expanding the scope of bilateral cooperation. The new level should "demonstrate concrete results", President Geingob said.

Chairman Li reminded President Geingob that their meeting in China remains memorable because he was the first African leader he met following his election as Chairman in March 2018. The Chairman praised President Geingob for his outstanding leadership, and commitment to developing Namibia. The two countries should "work together like brothers of the same family, and like true friends", the Chairman emphasized.

President Geingob thanked Chairman Li for visiting Namibia, and expressed the view that the visit was a tangible illustration of the

Comprehensive Strategic Partnership on Cooperation between the two countries.

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