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## **HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT DR. HAGE G. GEINGOB CONCLUDES OFFICIAL VISIT TO ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

His Excellency the President Dr. Hage G. Geingob has concluded a successful mission to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE), where he attended the Zayed Sustainability Prize Award Ceremony and Opening Ceremony for the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week, at the invitation of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi.

President Geingob and Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed also held cordial bilateral talks on the margins. The two leaders committed to exploring ways to establish a Namibian Embassy in the UAE and will explore the possibility of supplying refined oil to Namibia. The Crown Prince further expressed interest in exploring for oil and gas in Namibia.

Namibia and UAE already have a successful cooperation in the Al-Dahra Namibia project, a commercial date plantation established at Naute Dam, //Kharas region in 2009. Against this background, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi has developed the confidence and interest to farther explore areas for economic cooperation. President Geingob has invited Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed to visit Namibia.

The accompanying Namibian business delegation attended the business exposition and held meetings with UAE businesspersons and prospective investors in the sectors of energy, oil and gas, infrastructure, agriculture, tourism, technology and finance.

Departing the UAE on 16 January 2019, President Geingob proceeds to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where a SADC Double Troika will jointly convene to discuss the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, preceding a consultative meeting with the African Union on 17 January 2019, on the same issue.

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