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President Hage G. Geingob mourns loss of widely admired and respected Chairperson of the Council of Traditional Leaders, Omukwaniilwa Immanuel Kauluma Elifas of the Ondonga Traditional Authority

The President of the Republic of Namibia and Chairperson of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), His Excellency, Dr. Hage G. Geingob has learned with sadness about the passing away of Omukwaniilwa Immanuel Kauluma Elifas of the Ondonga Traditional Authority. Omukwaniilwa Kauluma, who has presided over the Ondonga Traditional Authority since 1975 passed away today, 26 March 2019 at the age of 86.

Mourning the loss of a wise elder and unifying force, President Hage G. Geingob says:

“Our nation has lost a key figure, a man of gravity and a great unifier who dedicated his entire life to serving others. Omukwaniilwa Kauluma, a leader I have known for decades, has been a fatherly figure, a friend, a sage, and a man of dignity. He did not only care about those who fell under his Traditional Authority, but treated everyone with affection and compassion. I am saddened by the loss. A big tree has fallen. But as he said, don’t cry for me, cry for yourselves, make peace with one another in the Ondonga Traditional Authority, and as Namibians.”

During this period of grief, President Geingob extends sincere sympathies to his wife, the children, the Ondonga Traditional Authority and the entire Namibian nation. Funeral arrangements will be communicated accordingly.

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