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Presidency provides information about planned meeting on 18 March 2019 between President Hage G. Geingob and the leadership of the Mineworkers Union of Namibia (MUN)

Following an urgent request on 11 March 2019 by the leadership of the Mineworkers Union of Namibia, President Hage G. Geingob agreed to meet with a delegation to be led by the General Secretary of the Union, Mr. Ebben Zarondo.

In a letter addressed to the Presidency, the MUN argues that it requested a meeting with President Geingob following its ordinary National Executive Committee held on 8 March 2019, at which it resolved to seek an audience to discuss the leaked audio recording of the Regional Governor of the Erongo Region, Mr. Clemens Mutjavikua regarding Swakop Uranium.

The Presidency agreed in a letter dated 11 March 2019 to meet with MUN on 18 March 2019 at 10h00 at State House. President Geingob and a delegation consisting of the Vice President, H.E Nangolo Mbumba, the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah and line Ministers arrived for the meeting ahead of the agreed time. Before leaving the meeting venue, President Geingob waited for well over 10 minutes, following which the MUN request was read out to the media present.

The Presidency affirms that it is incorrect on the part of the Union to say that they were delayed during the security clearance at State House. Security clearance for agreed meetings is carried out without delay and in record time. It is also misleading on the part of sections of the media to say that the meeting was cancelled. The delegation arrived late, and without notice, compelling President Geingob to leave the venue to attend to other urgent matters of State.

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