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**His Excellency, President Hage G. Geingob confers on the late former Vice President, Dr. Nickey Iyambo the honour of National Hero, directs that a State Funeral be held in his honour**

In terms of Sub-Article (8) of Article 32 of the Namibian Constitution, and under the powers vested in the President by Sub-Article (3)(h) of that Article read with section 3(1) and 4 of the Conferment of National Honours Act, 2012 (Act No. 11 of 2012), His Excellency, Dr. Hage G. Geingob confers on the late Dr. Nickey Iyambo (born 20 May 1936 and died on 19 May 2019) the honour of a National Hero, and directs that a State Funeral be held in his honour.

Following consultations with the wife and family of the late Dr. Nickey Iyambo, the Head of State, His Excellency Dr. Hage G. Geingob directs that his remains be interred at the National Heroes Acre in Windhoek, Khomas Region on Saturday, 1 June 2019. A memorial service will be held in honour of Dr. Nickey Iyambo on 31 May 2019 at Parliament Gardens. President Geingob has directed that a period of national mourning be observed in honour of the late Dr. Nickey Iyambo during which all flags in Namibia will be flown at half-mast with effect from Wednesday, 29 May 2019 to Saturday, 1 June 2019.

President Geingob describes Dr. Nickey Iyambo as a father, comrade, friend and mentor who leaves behind a rich legacy of loyal service to the Namibian people. Additionally, the President says: "With the departure of Comrade Nickey, the nation has lost a freedom fighter and a leader with deep humane values."

President Geingob conveys his sincere condolences to the wife, children, family, comrades and friends.

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