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**Dear Media colleague**

**NAMIBIA CONTINUES TO RECEIVE MESSAGES OF GOODWILL ON ITS 26<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY**

21 March 2016 came and went as the country marked 26 Years of Independence. Messages of goodwill continue pouring in.

President Barack Obama of the United States of America writes "The United States joins you in celebrating Namibia's legacy of democratic ideals and commitment to peace. We look forward to continuing our strong partnership as we work together towards a brighter future."

The President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella, says "The anniversary of the Independence Day of your country, offers me the pleasant occasion to convey to You, on behalf of the people and myself, the best wishes of prosperity for Namibia.

I am confident that we will be able to seize every new opportunity, beginning with the Italy-Africa Conference summoned in Rome next 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016, to strengthen the relations on the bilateral side, as well as within the wider context of the relations with the European Union and within the framework of the United Nations".

Furthermore President of the Republic of India His Excellency Mr. Pranab Mukherjee concurred "India and Namibia enjoy historical friendly relations and close political ties. we admire Namibia's progress towards building a vibrant, peaceful and prosperous nation and Your Excellency's commitment to democracy and nation building. I am confident that the India-Namibia relationship will further strengthen in the years to come for the mutual benefit of our two people"

The President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan also said "Pakistan and Namibia enjoy close and cooperative relations. I look forward working closely with Your Excellency in the coming years for further enhancing our cooperation for the mutual benefit of our two countries. I take this opportunity to express my best wishes for Your Excellency's good health, personal well being and for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of the Republic of Namibia"

Lastly President of the people's Democratic Republic of Algeria His Excellency, Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika and His Excellency, Mr. Adulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives also send congratulatory message on the occasion of the 26th Independence Day celebration addressed to His Excellency, Dr. Hage Geingob.

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