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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY

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DURING

**THE NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE 12TH INTAKE
NATIONAL SERVICE (CIVIC) TRAINING
PASS OUT PARADE**

30 JULY 2021

**NYS RIETFONTEIN TRAINING CENTRE
RIETFONTEIN
OTJOZONDJUPA REGION**

Your Excellency, Dr Nangolo Mbumba, Vice President of the Republic of Namibia;

Hon James Uerikua, Governor of Otjozondjupa Region;

Hon George Garab, Councillor of Otavi Constituency;

Services Chiefs Present;

Dr Emmarentia Leonard, Chairperson of the National Youth Service;

Dr Felix Musukubili, Commissioner of the National Youth Service;

Esteemed invited guests;

Media Practitioners;

Ladies and gentlemen.

Allow me to stand by the protocol observed during the welcoming remarks

My role here today is to introduce the guest of honour. However, before I do so, please allow me to make a few remarks. As the Minister responsible for the National Youth Service, I'm honoured and privileged to attend the Pass out Parade of the 12th intake of the National Youth Service training, to bear witness to the pledging of these fine young men and women. The National Youth Service (NYS) is on the right trajectory to deliver on their mandate. During last year, 2020, I visited this training facility on numerous occasions, and can therefore attest to the commitment of the leadership of the NYS, to take this institution to greater heights.

Ladies and gentlemen;

The commitment of the NYS board is illustrated by its timeous submission of pertinent documents to my office. A case in point is the submission by the NYS board, of their Annual Business and Financial Plan for the 2021/22 financial year, which was approved and shared with my counter-part at the Ministry of Public Enterprises. Also, their accountability reports have been submitted on time quarterly, to the office of the Minister. This is a demonstration of good governance and the fulfilment of the board's fiduciary duties.

Your Excellency;

Just last week, we launched the 3rd edition of the National Youth Policy (NYP III). National youth development is often viewed as the sole responsibility of the government ministry where the youth portfolio lies, however the approach of NYP III is that youth issues should be mainstreamed across various sectors and line ministries and government agencies in sectors such as health, finance, economic development, housing, justice, international relations, education, and agriculture. The rationale for the NYP III is to address challenges underpinning youth development in Namibia so that young Namibians

can assume their rightful place in building a “united, inclusive and prosperous Namibian House”. It is meant to empower young Namibians to explore and actualise their full potential to be self-reliant and productive citizens. The Policy’s framework is modelled after the international best practices such as the SADC Youth Development framework, the African Youth Charter and the United Nation’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Above all, it is guided by the particular challenges faced by the Namibian youth. The NYPIII is premised on four pillars - each speaking to a different but interconnected struggle faced by the Namibian youth. Namely, Education and skills development, health and well-being, education and skills development and, civic and political participation. It is these pillars that make the NYP III different from its predecessors. It is envisaged that through the NYS training programs, the service will directly implement Pillars 3 and 4 of the NYP III, making it a strategic institution to implement governments development strategies for youth.

Importantly, the policy will be the legal foundation for ensuring that graduates have easier access to or youth credit schemes and financing

targeted at youth from a number of government agencies, to position them to create more youth owned enterprises so as to facilitate employment creation and contribution to socio-economic development. These are, but, some of the measures that being discharged by government, which will benefit all Namibian youth, including the graduates of this Pass-Out Parade that we are witnessing today.

Ladies and gentlemen;

As stated earlier, my duty is to introduce and invite the Guest of honour, and I now turn to my responsibility to introduce our guest of honour. The guest of honour, Dr Nangolo Mbumba, Vice President of the Republic of Namibia, is one of Namibia's liberation struggle stalwarts. His Excellency officially started serving the nation as early as 1985 when he took position with SWAPO as Deputy Secretary for Education and Culture. Leaving that position in 1987, his Excellency entered the position of Personal Secretary to SWAPO President, the founding father of the Namibian nation, H.E Dr Sam Nujoma. Continuing in inter-party positions, including as joint-administrator of Walvis Bay during its handover to Namibia in 1994. His Excellency Dr Mbumba is a seasoned Political Office Bearer, with a resume and

experience that we can only hope to emulate. Since 1993, he has been a member of the National Assembly and headed a number of Namibian ministries as cabinet Minister, namely Agriculture, Water and Rural Development (1993-1996), Finance(1996-2003), Information and Broadcasting (2003-2005) Education (2005–2010), before becoming the Secretary General of the Ruling Party from 2012 to 2017 when, he was appointed Vice President of the country. He is therefore the appropriate person indeed, in the absence of the His Excellency, Dr Hage G Geingob, the Head of Service, to address this Pass-Out Parade. Please raise and join me as I invite our guest of honour to the podium, Your excellency, you are kindly invited to address the gathering.

I thank you.