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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING-IN OF THE TWO NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The two recently appointed Commissioners of the Public Service Commission were officially sworn in by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia Rt. Hon. Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila on Thursday, 30 January 2025, in Windhoek.

The Commissioners are nominated by the President and appointed by Parliament by resolution under Article 112 of the Constitution of Namibia, serving as an independent and impartial body. The Public Service Commission Act of 1990 (Act No. 2 of 1990) enforces the constitutional provisions for the establishment of the Commission.

According to this Act and any other relevant laws, the Public Service Commission consists of a Chairperson and no fewer than three nor more than six other members.

Each member appointed under subsection (2) serves a five-year term but is eligible for reappointment upon the expiry of their term.

The following individuals have been appointed and duly sworn in to serve as Commissioners of the Public Service Commission for a term of five years:

1. **Commissioner Hâbatte L. Doëses:** Appointment effective from December 1, 2024, to December 1, 2029, and is eligible for reappointment.
2. **Commissioner Michael M. Mutonga:** Appointment effective from September 27, 2024, to September 26, 2029, and is eligible for reappointment.

During the swearing-in ceremony, the Rt. Hon. Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia, highlighted the importance of the Commission as an important structure of government and an autonomous body appointed by the President. "This structure is designed to create laws and policies that optimize the delivery of services to the Namibian people she stated".

The Prime Minister expressed confidence that the two newly appointed Commissioners, who are joining the Commission, will have a successful tenure and contribute to the growth of the nation's economy. She encouraged them to familiarize themselves with the Commission's work and its constitutional provisions.

Additionally, she expressed that it is her belief that the new Commissioners would benefit from the groundwork laid by their predecessors. She emphasized the importance of continued collaboration and coordination among the public service, the Public Service Commission, the Cabinet, and the entire government to effectively implement and review existing programs, especially those addressing emerging industries.

Furthermore, Dr. Kuugongelwa-Amadhila pointed out the necessity for the Commission to establish priorities, not only for the current term of office but also for the incoming administration set to take office in March 2025. She was pleased to note the commitment from both the current and incoming Commissioners that they have been presenting work to the Office of the Prime Minister, although the new Commissioners were yet to take the oath of office, work has been ongoing.

The oath taken by the appointed Commissioners serves as a commitment to uphold and defend the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia, execute the laws faithfully, and serve the people of Namibia to the best of their abilities. This pledge ensures they will perform their duties within the legal and regulatory framework of the country.

The two newly appointed Commissioners, along with their five colleagues, make up a total of seven members responsible for overseeing the efficient management and administration of the public service in accordance with their constitutional and statutory mandate. The Prime Minister congratulated the newly appointed Commissioners and wished them a successful tenure as they serve the nation.

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