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Distinguished Members of the Delegation of the Federal Republic of
Germany,

Distinguished Members of the Namibian Delegation,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Members of the Media,

We have now come to the conclusion of the our German-Namibia
Bilateral Negotiations, which, I might add, took place in a constructive
spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation.

The cordial atmosphere, sometimes even casual mood with humorous
moments where a serious german financial institution was mistaken for a
well-known fast food chain contributed to a wonderfully relaxed
atmosphere within which we could discuss this serious and important
subject of development.

I am happy to note that significant progress has been made on some of
the crucial matters which will pave the way for future development
cooperation between our two countries.

I wish to thank the organisers of our meeting for choosing this format allowing all relevant line ministries and institutions the opportunity to give input and in some instances further motivate specific requests were indeed most useful.

We were able to address many challenges facing our two countries during our discussions and I am pleased that we have reached solutions and taken decisions that will help address our development needs. In this regard, I wish to call on our officials and representatives from the various Ministries who are present here today to follow-up on the issues discussed and to work together towards enhanced bilateral cooperation. Namibia is very grateful for the technical assistance and support rendered by the Federal Republic of Germany, particularly in view of the special focus our Government has placed on skills development and value addition in the implementation of the fourth phase of our National Development Plan (NDPIV). I am convinced that we will soon begin to see concrete and tangible results from the decisions reached during this Session, at both Governmental and private sector levels.

I wish to pay a special word of thanks to our two leaders of our negotiating teams for their productive and efficient time management of this meeting.

Allow me also to express our gratitude to you Mr. Schneider and your delegates for honouring us with your presence at this Session of our Bilateral Negotiations. As you prepare to return to Germany during the course of the next few days, I wish you all a safe journey home. We look forward to meeting with you again during the consultations that will be held in Namibia in the first quarter of 2015

I Thank You.