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**TO: ALL NEWS MEDIA EDITORS
NAMIBIA**

MEDIA RELEASE**EXPLANATORY NOTE ON NAMPOL'S COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS MEASURES**

Kindly publish/broadcast the following information in your respective media for public consumption.

1. The Namibian Police Force has taken note that, following the implementation of the State of Emergency declared by His Excellency the President Dr. Hage G. Geingob on 17 March 2020 in respect of the Covid-19 pandemic and the publication of NAMPOL's Covid-19 preparedness measures, members of the public seem not to be paying heed and adhering to the recommended measures to minimize the opportunity for the incidence of Covid-19 in Namibia.
2. It has come to the attention of the Force that people continue to overcrowd in public places, such as synagogues or churches, restaurants, bars, shebeens and similar locales, even there where the space is very limited, ignoring the potential risks involved. A similar situation has also been noted at open markets and stalls where vendors display and sell their goods, including, although not limited to, fresh produce, under very unhygienic conditions.
3. In light of the above, the Namibian Police Force is once again cautioning the public to regard Covid-19 pandemic as a serious threat to the safety and

security of our nation. Therefore, NamPol will not hesitate to introduce coercive measures to enforce the dispersal of crowds at overcrowded places.

4. Members of the public are encouraged to desist from overcrowding at business premises, places of worship, events and entertainment areas. Should the need for gathering arise, this must be done within the limits of the required space and number of not more than fifty people at a given time. Also, the provision of proper sanitation, social distancing and other relevant measures must be observed at all times.
5. Owners of restaurants, shebeens, bars and bottle stores are advised to ensure that their patrons take their food and alcoholic beverages to their own residences and avoid gatherings at drinking outlets.
6. With regard to visitation to police facilities for purposes of delivering the needs of trial awaiting inmates, members of the public should ensure that the items to be delivered are properly sanitized and the particulars of the inmates are clearly spelled out before such items are handed over to the NamPol members on duty at the police station.
7. It is important to reiterate that no contact with the inmates will be permitted and that any items brought to the inmates will be subjected to a thorough search and identification of the bearer.

We are appealing to the public to observe these measures and assist the law enforcement agents to discharge their duties without risking their safety and the safety and security of our nation.

Thank you for conveying this message to the public.

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