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President Hage G. Geingob appoints Air Marshal Martin Kambulu Pinehas as Chief of the Namibian Defence Force

In his capacity as Commander-In-Chief of the Namibian Defence Force and by virtue of the power vested in him by **Article 32 (4) (c) (aa) and Article 116 (1) and (2)** of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia as amended, President Hage G. Geingob today, 31 March 2020 conferred on **Air Vice Marshal Martin Kambulu Pinehas**, the substantive rank of Air Marshal and in the same vein, appointed him as Chief of the Namibian Defence Force with effect from **01 April 2020**.

As Chief of the Defence Force, Air Marshal Pinehas is mandated by the President to make provision for a balanced structuring of the Defence Force and to make suitable appointments of members under his command within prescribed laws, policies, rules and procedures, to cause charges of indiscipline among members of the Defence Force to be investigated and prosecuted, and to ensure that the public resources that are placed under his care and stewardship are efficiently managed and accounted for at all times. The Chief of Defence Force is expected to carry out these duties and responsibilities with vigour, determination, dedication, commitment and to be exemplary to the men and women under his command.

President Geingob wishes the new Chief of the Defence Force all the best in his new appointment and looks forward to work with him in ensuring that the Namibian Defence Force remains a formidable force, ready and able to defend the territorial integrity of Namibia.

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