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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### UNDERSTANDING THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE NAMIBIAN DEFENCE FORCE AND THE NAMIBIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION FOR THE MISS NAMIBIA BEAUTY PAGEANT 2025

In light of the recent public concerns regarding the involvement of the Namibian Defence Force transport helicopter and flight/pilot officers in the Miss Namibia Beauty Pageant 2025, on 19 July 2025, at Ongwediva, the Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs (MODVA) wishes to clarify the nature and purpose of this collaboration as follows:

The MODVA received a written request for support with a helicopter and flight/pilot officers from the organizers of the Miss Namibia Beauty Pageant 2025 dated 10 June 2025. One of the specific request made by the Miss Namibia Pageant Organisers was to fly the Patron of the pageant, 17244434 Captain Queen Adelheid Nangolo who is also the reigning Omunyekadhi of the Ondonga Traditional Authority together with the CEO of the Miss Namibia Organisation, Mrs Umbi Karuaihe-Upi to the event. After a careful consideration of the request, a positive response was given on 11 July 2025. The perception that was created that NDF went specifically to transport 17244434 Captain Queen Adelheid Nangolo the Omunyekadhi of the Ondonga Traditional Authority it was not correct, because we went there on the request to transport the two: by virtue of being the Patron of Miss Namibia Beauty Pageant 2025, Captain Adelheid Gustav-Nangolo together with the CEO of the Miss Namibia Organisation, Mrs Umbi Karuaihe-Upi were then ferried from the Palace to the event venue.

The MODVA understands and appreciates the public's concern and interest on how national resources are to be utilized, and we appreciate your sentiments with regard to this matter. We would however like to assure the public that there is a longstanding relationship of collaboration between the MODVA/NDF and the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) in many areas of mutual interests and for the good of the Namibian people.

We hold the view that the Miss Namibia Beauty Pageant is an event of national interest that seeks to promote Namibian talent, heritage and culture, and offering meaningful opportunities to the country's young women who go on to represent Namibia on international platforms. The involvement of the NDF was intended to highlight the spirit of unity and



national pride, reflecting the diverse strengths of our nation. The inclusion of our transport helicopter and flight/ pilot officers was aimed at enhancing visual spectacle, cultural dignity of the event, offering viewers a unique and engaging experience. The Flight Officers also added ceremonial flair, stature and national pride to the proceedings. These officers also formed up and welcomed Her Excellency, Lucia Witbooi, the Vice President of the Republic of Namibia who graced the event with her presence.

The support provided was also based on cementing Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC). CIMIC makes it easier for military forces and civilian organizations to have a mutually beneficial partnership. CIMIC initiatives also foster mutual respect and trust between the military and civilian communities. Our service men and women have always been available to serve the public in different capacities other than traditional defence through community engagement programs and supporting national events such as the Miss Namibia Beauty Pageant. This type of collaboration is not unique to Namibia alone it is practice in other countries within the SADC Region and beyond.

The NBC, which is the owner of the Miss Namibia Beauty Pageant franchise, has committed to defray the costs during the services rendered, in accordance with and compliance to the MODVA Daily Loan and Lease Tariffs, and in terms of Treasury Instruction KD 0300. Accordingly, the total cost accruing from the services rendered is Twenty-Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy and Ninety cents (**N\$ 22 470.90**) broken down as follows:

Description	Amount (N\$)
(i) Hourly Tariff Rate for Z-9 Helicopter N\$ 5 500.00 x 2 hours	<b>N\$ 11,000.00</b>
(ii) Jet A-1 fuel (190 litres @ N\$ 20.11 p/litre)	<b>N\$ 3,820.90</b>
(iii) DSA Rate 3 (15 NDF members x 3 days x N\$170.00 p/day)	<b>N\$ 7,650.00</b>

The MODVA would like to assure the general public that by providing this service to the pageant by no means meant to abuse the dignity of our men and women in uniform and never intended to abuse the state assets entrusted to us by the nation. We pledge to treat such events in the future with circumspection.

Thank you for your understanding and continuous support.



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