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Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia

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FOR**

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AT THE

MOU BETWEEN CRAN AND NAMPOL

07 AUGUST 2017

- **NAMPOL Inspector General, Lieutenant General Sebastian Ndeitunga,**
- **NAMPOL Management and staff present,**
- **CRAN Management and staff present,**
- **Invited guests,**
- **Ladies and gentlemen,**

Good afternoon and thank you for joining us for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony between the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) and the Namibian Police Force (NAMPOL).

This MoU is will establish a framework whereby CRAN and NAMPOL will seek to promote cooperation and coordination when dealing with cases where CRAN requires NAMPOL's presence when conducting investigations. The MoU also aims to improve the understanding of the two Authorities' respective roles by undertaking to meet annually, so as to discuss the effectiveness of the arrangements made under the agreement, and minimise the duplication of activities, where possible.

Ladies and gentlemen

Given the complementary powers and responsibilities of CRAN and NAMPOL relating to the conducting of investigations and searches within the borders of the Republic of Namibia, this MOU is entered into in order to establish the manner in which the two Authorities will interact and cooperate with each other with the understanding that the laws applicable to each Authority, although different, are complementary. In addition, the MoU will serve on the basis of mutual respect and in a spirit of goodwill, and will not affect the independence, or limit the two Authorities.

Ladies and gentlemen

CRAN has signed MoU's and entered into numerous smart partnership engagements with various institutions such as:

- **Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA): Which MoU is geared at** collaborating and advance common goals in the areas of data collection and analysis in telecommunications services and networks, broadcasting, postal and the allocation of radio spectrum.
- **National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST):** Whose MoU aims to identify roles and responsibilities in the planning of collaborative research and development, educational and training activities.
- **Ministry of Finance: Directorate of Customs and Excise:** Which sets out to promote cooperation and coordination on Type Approval of telecommunications equipment that enter the borders of the Republic of Namibia through the various entry points;
- **Bank of Namibia (BON):** This MoU establishes the manner in which the regulators will interact and cooperate with one another in respect of investigations, analysis and the handling of mobile network operators, money market and the envisaged national SIM registration process;
- **Competition Commission of Namibia:** This MoU facilitates cooperation and consultation in respect of competition matters in the ICT industry;
- **University of Namibia (UNAM):** CRAN is busy finalizing an MOU with UNAM which just like the MOU with NUST will provide UNAM students with internship opportunities.

CRAN and NAMPOL seek to coordinate and harmonise the exercise of their jurisdiction over matters of mutual interest and to secure the consistent application of their respective laws governing powers to conduct investigations,

as well as to search and seize on the basis of the procedures outlined in the Agreement.

Ladies and gentlemen

To conclude, this MOU shall be jointly reviewed every three (3) years by the two Authorities, in order to measure compliance, share concerns and deliberate and introduce any possible new measures to aid in the further facilitation and implementation contained in the Agreement.

With those few words said, I thank you!