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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA CONGRATULATES SAHAWARI ON 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations, Honourable Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, will attend the 40th Anniversary of Proclamation of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic, SADR, on Saturday (27 February 2016), on behalf of the People and Government of the Republic of Namibia.

While observing the said proclamation, Namibia remains concerned with the lack of progress regarding the United Nations Settlement Plan for Western Sahara. Namibia has been calling upon the international community, particularly the United Nations, to ensure that the Saharawi people exercise their full right to self-government without any further delays.

SADR, formerly the Spanish Colony is a disputed territory claimed now by the Kingdom of Morocco.

The legal status of SADR remains, according to the United Nations as a non-decolonized territory, included in the UN list of Non-self-Governing Territories. In addition, the UN does not recognize Moroccan sovereignty over Western Sahara and does not recognize the SADR as State. Namibia continues to call for the recognition of the UN Resolutions on Saharawi on the plight of the Saharawi People.

Honourable Nandi-Ndaitwah, said the 40th Independence Anniversary of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic should be a reminder to the entire international community of the responsibility to redouble efforts to bring about a just solution to the question of SADR.

“Namibia has never failed to call for the inalienable right to self-determination of the Sahawari people. We take the territorial integrity seriously, as a nation that once was occupied. We continue to stand with the people of the SADR”.

In 1990 Namibia established bilateral relations with the Saharawi Republic and its Ambassador to Angola is also accredited to Namibia.