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MEDIA RELEASE

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SUBJECT: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA IS DEEPLY CONCERNED BY REPORTS OF AFRICANS BEING TARGETED IN CHINA

The Government of the Republic of Namibia is deeply concerned by reports of Africans being targeted in China and subjected to forced evictions, arbitrary quarantines and mass coronavirus testing, following a new outbreak of COVID-19 in China.

In this context, the Government of Namibia notes with satisfaction that the issue was discussed in Beijing between the Ambassadors of the African Group and Mr. Chen Xiadong, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of China. The Government of Namibia appreciates the efforts undertaken by the Central Government of China in dealing with the disturbing events in Guangzhou Province.

The Government of Namibia welcomes the assurance by the Chinese authorities that it is not the policy of the People's Republic of China to discriminate against African nationals.

The Government of Namibia further wishes to remind all Namibians living abroad to respect and abide by the precautionary measures put in place by their respective host countries to ensure that the virus is contained and lives are saved.

Namibian nationals in the affected are once again advised to remain in contact with the Embassy of Namibia in Beijing directly or through the Namibian Student Association in China.

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