

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



THE PRESIDENCY

Message by President Nangolo Mbumba on the eve of the 8th Presidential and National Assembly Elections

25 November 2024

Fellow Namibians,

Good evening,

- 1. For the past 34 years of our Independence, peaceful, fair and free elections have become part of our cherished culture of our Constitutional Democracy.**
- 2. Once again, the Namibian people will go to the polls on the 27th of November 2024, to exercise their fundamental right to elect the 5th President and members of the 8th National Assembly of the Republic of Namibia. Fellow Namibians ahead of this important date in the journey of our nation, I want to share with you few observations:**
- 3. We are going to the 8th Presidential and National Assembly Elections in a year that has been difficult following the unexpected passing**

of our beloved 3rd President of the Republic of Namibia, His Excellency Dr. Hage G. Geingob. May his soul continue to rest in eternal peace. Our processes, systems and institutions were severely tested and remain firm. Thus we continue the culture of free, fair and peaceful elections.

- 4. We owe a debt of gratitude to all citizens who have contributed immensely towards nation-building and the strengthening of a culture of tolerance, peace and stability.**

Fellow Namibians,

- 5. I am pleased with the manner in which leaders of political parties and Namibians at large conducted themselves during the campaign period throughout our country. The climate in which you campaigned and freely expressed your views in favour of your political parties is a demonstration of the strength of the**

democratic foundations of the Namibian House.

- 6. I therefore wish to thank all political parties, their leaders, supporters and sympathizers, and all the relevant stakeholders in the country for the successful conclusion of all the electoral activities ahead of national voting day.**

- 7. The Elections are less than 24 hours away and our country will be the subject of intense scrutiny on the day of voting and in the days thereafter. I appeal to all, fellow Namibians to uphold the democratic traditions we have entrenched by turning out in large numbers and exercise your right to vote for the leaders and parties of your choice.**

- 8. Your participation is a patriotic contribution to the consolidation of our democracy and the development of our motherland. I appeal to**

you to do so in a calm manner that is peaceful and respectful of one another, the relevant authorities and the laws of our Republic.

9. I acknowledge the presence in our country of the regional, continental and international Election Observation Missions. I wish them a peaceful stay in our country, as they conduct their important work without any hindrance.

10. As President of the Republic of Namibia, I urge the Electoral Commission of Namibia to discharge its mandate as outlined in the Constitution and the Electoral Act. I assure the Electoral Commission of the support of all relevant institutions of the State in the execution of this important mandate. I encourage the Commissioners and all ECN staff to carry out their work with integrity, diligence and fairness so as to uphold our democratic values.

11. Our nation is young. Our democracy is young. But, with each successfully concluded free and fair election, our multi-party democracy matures and grows deeper roots.

12. Finally, I wish to thank our law enforcement agencies for guaranteeing the security and safety of all Namibians and our visitors during this period. I am sure they will continue to do so at all times.

13. I wish all Namibians peaceful and successful elections.

Long Live the Republic of Namibian.

I THANK YOU