



## **JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ**

**ON**

### **THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

**BETWEEN**

**THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

**AND**

**THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**WINDHOEK, REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

**15-16 MARCH 2026**

- 1) The 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation between the Republic of Namibia and the Russian Federation was held in Windhoek, Republic of Namibia, from 15 to 16 March 2026.
- 2) The Session was chaired by Honourable Ambassador Selma Ashipala-Musavyi, Minister of International Relations and Trade of the Republic of Namibia, Chairperson of the Namibian Party of the Commission and, and co-chaired by His Excellency Yuri Trutnev, Deputy Prime Minister and Special Representative and Plenipotentiary of the Russian President in the Far

Eastern Federal District and Co-Chairperson of the Russia-Namibia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation.

- 3) The Session was conducted in a cordial and constructive atmosphere reflecting the longstanding friendship, solidarity, and mutually beneficial partnership between the two countries and their peoples.
- 4) The Commission reviewed progress achieved since the previous session and exchanged views on expanding cooperation in priority sectors, including trade and investment; energy, including nuclear energy for peaceful purposes; mining and mineral beneficiation; agriculture and food security; transport and logistics; education, science and technology; health and pharmaceuticals; tourism; youth, sport, arts and culture; legal cooperation; and defence and security cooperation.
- 5) The Commission welcomed ongoing efforts to increase bilateral trade and encouraged the private sectors of both countries to pursue joint ventures, technology transfer, and value-addition projects. The Parties emphasized the importance of creating a favourable investment climate and expressed commitment to advancing negotiations on all pending agreements.
- 6) Both Parties reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening people-to-people exchanges, academic cooperation, and cultural ties as a foundation for long-term partnership.
- 7) The Commission welcomed the successful convening of the Namibia–Russia Business Forum held in Windhoek on 13 March 2026, which brought together government officials, business leaders, investors, and representatives of key economic sectors from both countries. The Forum served as an important platform for promoting trade, investment, technology transfer, and

partnerships between the private sectors of Namibia and the Russian Federation. The Parties expressed confidence that the engagements and outcomes of the Forum will contribute to increased commercial exchanges, joint ventures, and sustainable economic cooperation.

- 8) The Commission agreed to intensify consultations between relevant ministries, agencies, and business communities to implement the decisions of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session and to explore new areas of mutually beneficial cooperation, including in the Field of ICT and Mass Media, Cooperation in the Field of Space and the Field of Ensuring the Sanitary and Epidemiological Well-Being of the Population.
- 9) On the sidelines, the Co-Chair of the Russian Party of the Commission, His Excellency Yuri Trutnev, Deputy Prime Minister and Special Representative and Plenipotentiary of the Russian President in the Far Eastern Federal District undertook a courtesy call upon Her Excellency Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, President of the Republic of Namibia. The meeting provided an opportunity for the two sides to reaffirm the longstanding bonds of friendship, solidarity, and cooperation between Namibia and the Russian Federation, as well as to exchange views on strengthening bilateral relations, expanding economic cooperation, and addressing regional and global issues of mutual concern.
- 10) The Co-Chair, H.E. Mr. Yuri Trutnev expressed deep gratitude and appreciation to the Government and people of Namibia for the warm hospitality extended to his delegation during their stay in Namibia.
- 11) The Commission agreed that the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation between Namibia and

Russia will be held in the Russian Federation in 2027, at a date to be mutually agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

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