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Dear Ms. Melanie Markus.

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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO A STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS AND THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT AND POOLED PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS

- 1. The above-captioned subject matter refers.
- 2. Public procurement plays a significant role in the economy and is moulded as the market evolves and as such on 08 August 2022 the <u>Public Procurement Act, 2015 (Act No. 15 of 2015)</u> (the Act), was amended to enhance public procurement in Namibia.
- 3. Therefore, in order to give effect to the amendment of the Act and to ensure that Namibia is at par with global procurement practice, the Public Procurement Regulations have also to be amended.
- 4. Furthermore, the Amendment to the Act in 2022 introduced new mechanisms of procurement under Section 38A and 38B of the Act, namely Framework Agreements and Pooled Procurement. The two new sections are not yet in operation pending the finalization of the Framework Agreement and Pooled Procurement Regulations.

- 5. It is against this background that the Ministry is, through the Procurement Policy Unit (PPU), inviting Civil Society Information Centre and its members and or affiliates to the stakeholders' consultation on the Framework Agreement and Pooled Procurement and the Draft Amendments to the Public Procurement Regulations.
- 6. The consultation is scheduled to take place face to face in Windhoek on the 17 July 2024 from 8h30 to 16h30, at the venue to be communicated.
- 7. The aim of the consultations is to seek inputs in relation to the draft Framework Agreement and Pooled Procurement Regulations as well as the Draft Amendments to the Public Procurement Regulations from all stakeholders within the industry.
- 8. Further, kindly indicate if the Civil Society Information Centre will avail its own venue (preferable with livestreaming facility) for this consultation or the Ministry should organise a venue instead.
- 9. Kindly confirm your availability with, and forward any queries on the consultation to, Ms Evelina Nakanyala at Evelina.Nakanyala@mfpe.gov.na, Tel: 264 61 209 9413.
- 10. We attach hereto, the draft Framework Agreement and Pooled Procurement Regulations and the draft amendments to the Public Procurement Regulations, for dissemination to all the members and affiliates.

Please accept, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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