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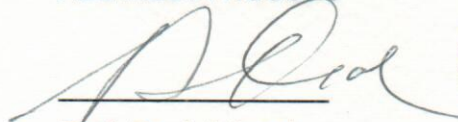
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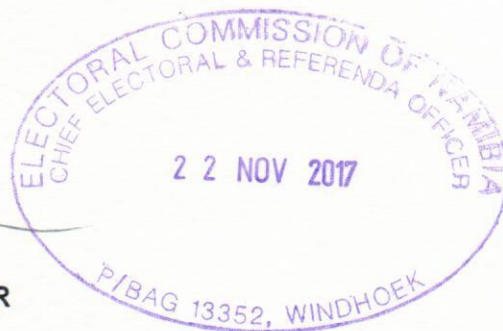
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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF CHANGE OF PARTICULARS OF POLITICAL
PARTY: DTA of Namibia**

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) would hereby like to inform the public that in terms of section 138 (1) of the Electoral Act, 2014 (Act 5 of 2014), the ECN gives notice that:

- (a) The DTA of Namibia, a registered political party, gave notice of an intended change in its name, its abbreviated name as well as its distinctive symbol. The proposed new name of the DTA of Namibia is the Popular Democratic Movement (PDM).

(b) Section 138 also entails that the Chief Electoral Officer must publish a notice in the Government Gazette, setting out the intended changed name, abbreviated name or distinctive symbol and in the same notice, call upon registered political parties to make objections. As soon as the notice is published in the Government Gazette, registered political parties may lodge within 30 days from the date of publication of the notice an objection to the Commission for the reason that:

- (a) The intended changed name or abbreviated name is being used by a registered political party or is so similar to the symbol of a registered political party that it may cause confusion to voters;
- (b) The intended changed distinctive symbol is a symbol being used by a registered political party or is so similar to the symbol of a registered political party that it may cause confusion to voters.

When an objection is lodged, the Commission must within 14 days of the receipt thereof, make a determination thereon and serve a notice thereof on the registered political party whose particulars have changed and against whom the objection has been lodged, as well as the registered political party who lodged the objection.

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