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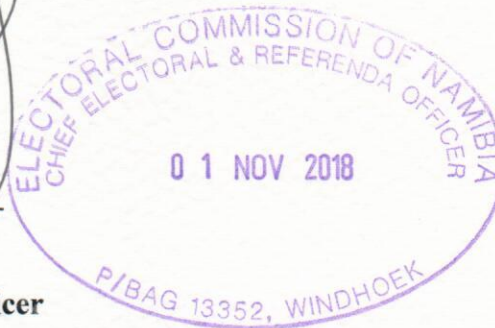
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### PRESS RELEASE

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**Subject:** Namibia re-elected as Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Electoral Commissions Forum of SADC Countries.

Namibia has been duly re-elected as the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Electoral Commissions Forum of SADC countries (ECF-SADC) for the next two years during the ECF-SADCs' 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGC) held on 24 October 2018 in Maseru, Kingdom of Lesotho.

The Electoral Commissions Forum of SADC Countries (ECF-SADC) is an autonomous body of Electoral Management Bodies in the SADC region. It was launched in July 1998 and is composed of 16 Electoral Management Bodies from the following SADC member States: Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, The Comoros, Zambia, Zanzibar and Zimbabwe.

Amongst its objectives, the ECF-SADC strives to do the following:

- Strengthen co-operation amongst Electoral Commissions in the Southern African Development Community; and
- Promote conditions conducive to credible and transparent elections in countries in the SADC region.

Furthermore, the Forums activities include training, research, development of tools and setting frameworks standards, technical assistance to its member commissions, election observation missions, partnership with other international organizations amongst others.

The Forum recognizes the responsibility placed on Electoral Management Bodies to ensure that the environment in which elections take place is conducive to the conduct of free and fair elections.

The Forum has a Constitution that provides for the Annual General Conference (AGC) which is the supreme policy-making body; the Executive Committee that implements the AGC decisions; and the Secretariat, which manages the Forum programmes. The Secretariat of the ECF-SADC is based in Botswana, Gaborone.