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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **CONDUCT OF THE AROEB, KOËS AND STAMPRIET LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE MARIENTAL RURAL CONSTITUENCY ELECTIONS**

The Electoral Court of Namibia on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020, ruled that the ballots cast and the elections held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 in the Koës, Aroab and Stampriet Local Authorities as well as Mariental Rural Constituency are declared null and void and set aside.

In view of the above, the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) is obliged to conduct fresh polls in the afore-mentioned local authority areas and constituency respectively. The ECN wishes to inform the Namibian public that the elections in the Koës, Aroab and Stampriet Local Authorities as well as Mariental Rural Constituency will only be conducted early next year due to the impending festive season.

Voters in these respective localities and constituency may travel to various destinations to join friends and family for the festive season. As a result, it would not be prudent to hold elections at a time when the rest of the country is preparing for festive celebrations.

In addition, the Commission will not have sufficient time at this juncture, to effectively conduct voter and civic education in the affected areas in addition to the requisite logistical preparations

for the elections. The nation will be informed immediately in the new year on a date when the new elections will be conducted.

Lastly, the ECN would like wish the electorate and the Namibian nation at large, a safe festive season and a joyous 2021.

Happy holidays!

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