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PRESS STATEMENT

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From: Prof. Paul Isaak
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Subject: FUNDING OF POLITICAL PARTIES



Following recent reports in the media regarding the issue of submission status of audited statements by political parties, the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) wish to clarify and state the following:

1. The Electoral Act, (Act No. 5 of 2014) requires that all registered political parties as well as parties represented in Parliament account for funds by complying with section 140 and 158 of the Act. Both sections stipulate specific timelines which must be adhered to in terms of the submission of audited financial statements to the ECN. At the same time, however, timelines are tied to the end of an individual political party financial year.

2. Political parties represented in Parliament are accountable to the public on the management and utilization of the taxpayers' money they receive as funding from the National Budget.
3. The Electoral Act, (Act No. 5 of 2014) was promulgated in October 2014, as such, political parties are not obligated to provide to the ECN statements for the 2014/2015 financial year. ECN, however, would like to extend a vote of thanks to political parties that have furnished the Commission with audited statements for the 2014/2015 financial year.
4. The ECN made available a record of submissions of financial statements of political parties since 2014 which was shared as feedback in the Namibian Parliament as well as with the media.
5. The ECN would like to state that the records shared, unfortunately, had erroneously omitted to include submissions made by the **All People's Party** for the 2016/2017 financial year and for the **United People's Movement (UPM)** for the 2015/2016 financial years. The APP and the UPM indeed had provided audited financial statements to the ECN for the financial years as provided.
6. The ECN would like to express its gratitude towards all political parties that have submitted their audited financial statements and look forward to receiving all audited statements for the 2017/2018 financial year.
7. Hereto attached the record of submissions of financial statements of political parties since 2015.



**RECORD OF SUBMISSIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF POLITICAL PARTIES
SINCE 2015**

Name of Political Party	End of Party Financial Year	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
<u>Audited Statements</u>				
All People's Party (APP)	31 March	Act came into operation in October 2014 and parties are not obliged to submit for this financial year	Yes	Yes
National Unity Democratic Organisation of Namibia (NUDO)	31 March	Act came into operation in October 2014 and parties are not obliged to submit for this financial year	Yes	Yes
Popular Democratic Movement (PDM)	31 March	Act came into operation in October 2014 and parties are not obliged to submit for this financial year	Yes	Yes
Rally for Democracy and Progress (RDP)	28 February	Act came into operation in October 2014 and parties are not obliged to submit for this financial year	Yes	Yes
SWANU of Namibia (SWANU)	28 February	Yes	Yes	No
SWAPO Party of Namibia (SWAPO)	31 March	Yes	Yes	Yes
United Democratic Front of Namibia (UDF)	30 September	Yes	No	Yes
United People's Movement (UPM)	28 February	Act came into operation in October 2014 and parties are not obliged to submit for this financial year	Yes	Yes
Republican Party (RP)		Act came into operation in October 2014 and	No	No

		parties are not obliged to submit for this financial year		
Workers Revolutionary Party (WRP)		Act came into operation in October 2014 and parties are not obliged to submit for this financial year	No	No

