IN INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF ELECTORAL COMMISSION: ELECTORAL ACT, 2014

In terms of subsection (3) of section 6 read with section 7 of the Electoral Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014), I invite interested persons to apply, in writing, for appointment as members of the Electoral Commission to hold office, with effect from the date of their appointment, for a period not exceeding five years.

It is required that at least two members of the Commission must be women.

Applications must be submitted in writing accompanied by a comprehensive curriculum vitae, a certified copy of the applicant’s identity document, relevant academic qualifications and any other relevant documentation.

The Selection Committee established in terms of section 5 of the Electoral Act, 2014 will shortlist and interview the applicants. Interviews held with the short-listed applicants are open to the public and that Committee must in writing recommend to the President any eight or less than eight, but sufficient number of suitable applicants, to be considered for appointment as members of the Commission.

The successful applicant are members of the Electoral Commission, entitled to sitting and honorarium allowances, subject to certain conditions of service.
An applicant must -

(a) be a Namibian citizen;

(b) be in possession of at least a three year tertiary qualification or a level seven Namibia Qualifications Authority qualification preferably in the field of law, political science, social science or public administration;

(c) be at least 21 years of age, but the Chairperson of the Commission must be at least 35 years of age;

(d) have a thorough knowledge and understanding of Namibian politics, history, culture, issues and trends relating to democracy and elections in Namibia and generally in the SADC region and in other parts of the world; and

(e) have extensive experience and outstanding acumen in conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation.

An applicant must furthermore furnish a sworn affidavit relating to whether the applicant -

(a) does not have a criminal record;

(b) is an unrehabilitated insolvent;

(c) is of unsound mind or mentally disordered or defective and has been so declared by a competent court;

(d) is permanently employed by the State;

(e) is a member of the National Assembly, National Council, a regional council or a local authority council; or

(f) an office-bearer of a political party, an active politician or has a high party-political profile.

Inquiries may be directed towards and applications forwarded to:
The Secretary to the National Assembly
Private Bag 13323
WINDHOEK
Telephone: (061) 2889111 Fax: (061) 247772

The closing date for the submission of applications is 9 April 2021.

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SECRETARY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Windhoek, 24 March 2021