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**TO: HONOURABLE DEPUTY MINISTER
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**SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF ALL HERITAGE SITES IN NAMIBIA DUE TO
COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

The World Health Organisation has declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. Following the confirmation of two COVID-19 cases in Namibia by the Ministry of Health and Social Services on 14 March 2020, His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Namibia, Dr Hage Geingob, announced appropriate precautionary measures to be taken to ensure the safety and health of all Namibians. One such measure, is the banning of all big gatherings for a period of 30 days.

In light of the above background, I hereby direct that all heritage sites falling under the ambit of the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture must be closed with immediate effect until further notice. For the duration that this directive is in force, the Ministry with the support of Ministry of Health and Social Services will continue to monitor and evaluate the situation and communicate accordingly.

In the meantime, everyone is urged to ensure that appropriate precautionary measures are taken, in line with the directives of the World Health Organisation and the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

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Martin Andjaba, MP
ACTING MINISTER

