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## THE MUNITENCE ROYAL AUTHORITY STAND ON THE LAND AND LAND-REPORM MATTER.

- 1. Per our traditional law and customs the chief by his khuta is the owner and/or custodian and/or controller of the land.
- 2. And that an Fundamental Human rights and Freedoms in terms of chapter 3 article 19 of our constitution shall privail **QB** aforesaid principle.
- 3. It is this authority's view that the land allocated to commercial farmers during colonial era be re-distributed to give those with nothing something. In Caprivi the land is already too little for the present population, and even little for cattle grazing etc. It is for such rasons that is is hard to promote commercial farming in Caprivi, where by to do so will be to destroy the nature (game) and timber which is important for the promotion of timber and tourism in this part of Namibia.
- 4. So that, for the creation of jobs and development, the chief and khuta or otherwise per each traditional law and customs should co-operate for the allocation of land under its jurisdiction.
- 5. On to be or proclaimed townships, the state via the council shall have mandate on land within its boundaries and not otherwise.
- 6. That African culture can only be promoted in Namibia like other African states like Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Swaziland etc. only if the traditional rulers are recognised by the state.
- 7. So that the land owned by certain commercial farmers out of this country and not utilized, must be given to Namibians for development and that Namibians (small) farmers must be assisted by the state (financially) to buy and farms and also to help communal farmers to broden their farming to commercial.
- 8. It is also the authority's paint that the summary recomendation of this conference be taken back to partispents before being implemented by the state.
- 9. And that due to health of Munitenge J.M. Moraliswani he could not attend the conference but send all best wishes regards to His Exellency the President of Namibia Dr. Sam Nujoma, the Hon. Prime Minister Mr. Hage Geingob, the cabinet, organiser of the conference all participants and that may God guide all participants to take wise decissions on this important matter in the face of National reconciliation.

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