



PRESS STATEMENT

BY

SUPREME ACTING CHIEF KUNOMUNDU GERSON KATJIRUA (CHAIRMAN OF OCD-1904) ON THE BRIEFING MEETING CONVENED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT, DR NICKEY IYAMBO (CHAIRMAN OF THE CABINET POLITICAL COMMITTEE ON GENOCIDE, APOLOGY AND REPARATION)

AT THE

KATUTURA COMMUNITY HALL, WINDHOEK CENTRAL

07 APRIL2016

Honourable fellow members of the OD-1904: Supreme Chief Tjinaani Maharero; Supreme Chief Manase Zeraeua, Supreme Chief Joel Stephanus, Supreme Chief Tjavara, Chief John Kasaona, Chief Uomiti Ruhozu, Chief Katupa Uuirako, Chief Uomiti Ruhozu, Senior Councillor Karungojo Muhenje, Senior Councillor Justice Uapimbi, Senior Councillor V. Tjiningire, Senior Councillor M. Tjisuta and Senior Councillor Kamundu;
Members of the Media;
Ladies and Gentlemen;

We gathered here this afternoon to inform you on the meeting we held today with the Vice President, Dr Nicky Iyambo, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Cabinet Political Committee on Genocide, Apology and Reparation, and the scheduled 7th Summit of OCD-1904.

The OvaHerero /OvaMbanderu Council for Dialogue on the 1904 Genocide attended a briefing meeting called by the Vice President today which focused on the issue of Genocide. The briefing among other Genocide issues touched on the request of OCD-1904 to the Cabinet Political Committee, seeking for the formation of a consultative platform which will bring the leaders of the affected communities closer to the Government activities on Genocide, and the increase of OCD-1904 representation at the Technical Committee to three members instead of one.

We are happy to inform you that our request was considered in our favour and the atmosphere of close cooperation and consultation on the issue of Genocide has been established between our Government and the OCD-1904.

These new developments offer a window of opportunity for the OCD-1904 to submit our Preliminary Position Paper on Genocide, Apology and Reparation, which will be endorsed by the 7th Summit of OD-1904 scheduled to take place on the weekend of 15 -17 April 2016, at Vaalgras, //Karas Region.

Now to focus on the 7th Summit, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen; the OCD-1904 has a tradition of holding a Consultative Summit after every 3 years. The Summit serves as an elective forum for new office bearers and decision making on major issues of 1904 to 1908 Genocide. This time around, the OCD-1904 mandated the Supreme Chief Joel Stephanus Tjikuirire of the Vaalgras Traditional Authority to host the 7th Summit.

Finally, the OCD-1904 requests all our people to give fresh ideas and recommendations through your traditional leaders and Technical Committee members in order for us to formulate a constructive position which will ensure an acceptable Apology and Reparation for our people who are suffering as a result of 1904 to 1908 Genocide.

Thank You for Your Attention!