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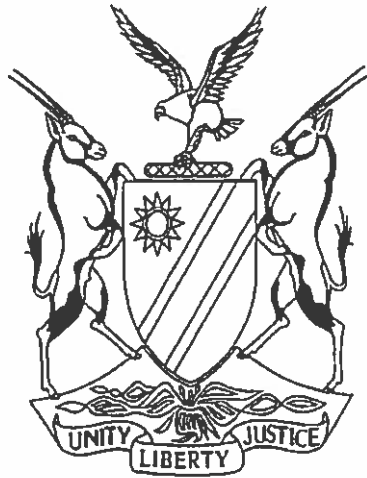
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**STATEMENT BY
HONOURABLE MARCO HAUSIKU
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
3RD ARAB-AFRICA SUMMIT
KUWAIT CITY, KUWAIT
19 -20 NOVEMBER 2013**

Your Majesties,

Your Highnesses,

Your Excellencies, Heads of State and Government,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Namibia and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to you, the Government and people of Kuwait for hosting this 3rd Africa-Arab Summit and for the hospitality extended to my delegation.

H.E. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia would have loved to be here with you but could not make it due to prior and equally important national commitments.

He, however, conveys his warm greetings and wishes for fruitful deliberations and the successful outcome of this Summit.

Co-Chair,

I am delighted to inform this Summit that Kuwait and Namibia's bilateral relations go back, a long way to the time of the liberation struggle of our beloved Country.

The theme of our Summit "Partners in Development and Investment", will steer our deliberations to find better ways to promote the Arab-Africa partnership in trade, investment, migration and the promotion of cultural cooperation.

We believe that Africa-Arab trade and investment, strengthens South-South cooperation that promotes mutual and beneficial relations since such trade and investment programmes are based on the principle of equal partnership.

In addition, there are also opportunities for our two regions in the transfer of skills and capacity building, industrialization and the serious challenge of food security for our people. The two regions have a lot in common and we can learn from each other regarding best practices. My delegation agrees that Africa-Arab Governments must endeavour to incorporate these sectors in our National Development Plans and budgets as envisioned in the Joint Action Plan 2011 – 2016.

During the last couple of years, Namibia experienced severe floods and drought. This situation seriously affects food security in Namibia, and therefore the agricultural sector in particular presents significant opportunities for cooperation.

Co-Chair,

Let me also re-iterate that the reform of the United Nations Security Council is long overdue and remains a high priority to the two Regions and the developing world as a whole.

Namibia as the Chair of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security cooperation, firmly supports the position that it is important to strengthen cooperation between our two regions on the basis of a strategic partnership that endeavours to maintain justice, international peace and security. Without peace and security in our regions all our efforts will be in vain.

Namibia reiterates its unwavering support for the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self determination. Our position is clear on the need to put an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Palestine as enshrined in the communiqué adopted at this Summit. Our position is that a lasting peace in the Middle East, would not be possible, without addressing the other ongoing conflicts in the region, which are a source of insecurity and instability.

I thank you for your kind attention.