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ACT

To determine the National Anthem of the Republic of Namibia; to empower the President to make regulations in respect of the use thereof; and to provide for incidental matters.

Preamble

WHEREAS Article 2(2) of the Namibian Constitution requires a National Anthem for Namibia to be determined by the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the members of the National Assembly have unanimously expressed their approval of the composition of Axali Doeseb, entitled “NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE”, as the National Anthem of Namibia:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Republic of Namibia, as follows:-

1. National Anthem

The composition entitled “NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE”, of which the words and music are set out in the First Schedule, and the copyright of which vests in the Government of the Republic of Namibia by virtue of a deed of assignment of which a reproduction is set out in the Second Schedule, shall be the National Anthem of the Republic of Namibia.

2. Offences and penalties

Any person who does any act with intent to insult or which displays contempt for the National Anthem or which is likely to hold it up to ridicule, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding R20 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 5 years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

3. Regulations

The President may by proclamation in the Gazette make regulations -

- (a) prohibiting, restricting or regulating the use of the National Anthem, or the reproduction of the words or music thereof;
- (b) constituting offences in relation to any matter referred to in paragraph (a) and prescribing penalties in respect thereof.

4. Short title

This Act shall be called the National Anthem of the Republic of Namibia Act, 1991.

FIRST SCHEDULE

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE

Namibia land of the brave
Freedom fight we have won
Glory to their bravery
Whose blood waters our freedom
We give our love and loyalty
Together in unity
Contrasting beautiful Namibia
Namibia our country
Beloved land
of savannahs
Hold high the banner of liberty
Chorus:
Namibia our country
Namibia motherland
We love thee

NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE

Music and text by AXALI DOESEB

NAMI - BI - A land of the brave Freedom fight we have won

Glo - ry to their bra - ve - ry Whose blood wa - ters our free - dom We give

o - ur love and lo - yal - ty To - gether in u - ni - ty Con -

tras- ting beau- ti- ful Na- mibi- a NA- MI-BI-A o-ur coun- try

Be- loved land of sa- van- nahs Hold high the ban- ner of li- ber- ty

NA- MIBI-A o- ur coun- try NA- MIBI-A MOTHERLAND WE LOVE THEE

SECOND SCHEDULE**ASSIGNMENT TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA OF
THE COPYRIGHT IN “NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE”**

WHEREAS the Government of the Republic of Namibia has decided to adopt and declare the composition of Axali Doeseb entitled “NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE” as the National Anthem of the Republic of Namibia;

AND WHEREAS Axali Doeseb is desirous of assigning to the Government of the Republic of Namibia for the aforesaid purpose the copyrights in the words and music of the said composition.

NOW THEREFORE Axali Doeseb hereby assigns to the Government of the Republic of Namibia the respective copyrights in the words and music of the composition entitled “NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE”.

SIGNED at WINDHOEK this 18th day of September 1991.

(Sgd.) AXALI DOESEB

AS WITNESSES:

1. (Sgd.) HONOURABLE HIDIPO HAMUTENYA

National Symbols Sub-Committee: Chairman

2. (Sgd.) HONOURABLE ANDREW MATJILA

National Symbols Sub-Committee: Member