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## ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING OF A FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE CENTRE

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Namibia is a young democracy and supporting the rule of law is key to its development. There are various ways in which this can be done, but certainly providing information to the people of Namibia regarding their rights is indispensable. Access to information is empowering as it provides people with the tools they require to assert their rights and to express themselves to our lawmakers. The Legal Assistance Centre is also part of the Action Coalition which promotes exactly that: access to information in order to support freedom of expression which is a basic human right.

The Federal Republic of Germany, represented here by Ambassador Christian-Matthias Schlaga, should be commended for supporting the Legal Assistance Centre, in particular its Gender Department, to continue with the work it commenced with 25 years ago, namely the empowerment of our women and children. This will be done through the production of easy to read comics on child labour and child trafficking as well as reprints of existing LAC material focusing on gender and child issues. We will also produce a comic on press freedom which freedom is needed for a society where all human rights are understood and protected. In addition, we will hold 3 workshops outlining the content of these comics.

So once again, the Legal Assistance Centre thanks the Federal Republic of Germany for its foresight in matters of human rights and for its support to the Legal Assistance Centre.

Thank you!

Sincerely

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