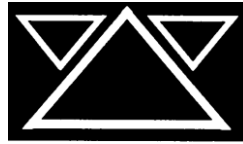


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PRESS STATEMENT

21 October 2020

The Legal Assistance Centre appreciates the commentary made in relation to its press statement of 19 October 2020, condemning the President's statement that white voters seem to be declaring "war" on SWAPO. The commentary has been both good and bad and is welcomed. It has given us the opportunity to provide some insight into the work of the LAC.

The LAC is the only public interest law firm in Namibia. We defend and promote human rights responses to all current issues which affect citizens in exercising their human rights, irrespective of who has violated those rights.

We appreciate there are many ills within our society. These must be addressed by Namibia as a whole. As such we felt compelled to speak out in response to the unfortunate statement made by President Hage Geingob whom we expect should speak on behalf of all Namibians, in whatever role he plays. With wrongs against specific individuals, we normally act only when we are approached by a client.

We hope that you will find the information and advocacy we provide on other human rights topics just as engaging.

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