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NOTIFICATION

The attached notification concerning domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and the relevant Supporting Tables) for the marketing year **1998/99** was received from the delegation of **Namibia** on 30 March 2000.

In accordance with the notification requirements (paragraph (ii), page 11 of document G/AG/2), Namibia notifies that domestic support to agricultural producers in 1998 was provided through the operations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development. All such support is covered by the domestic support categories which are exempt from reduction commitments under the Agreement on Agriculture. The attached Supporting Tables DS:1 and DS:2 provide details of these exempt measures.

Supporting Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Namibia**REPORTING PERIOD: 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999***Measures exempt from the reduction commitment – "Green Box"*

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (N\$)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
General Services	Agricultural extension: Provides extension service to the agricultural sector in the form of information, communication and advisory services. There are no direct payments to producers.	34,820,000	Estimates and expenditure of the Ministry of Agriculture
General Services	Agricultural Research: Carries out research on technical issues related to crop and livestock suitability, productivity and conservation of the ecosystem. No direct payments to producers are involved.	15,850,000	"
General Services	Veterinary Services: Implementation of programmes for diseases and pest control in livestock as well as operating quarantine facilities and systems so as to retain eligibility of meat for export. No direct payments to producers are involved.	24,935,000	"
(f) Payments for relief from natural disasters	Drought relief programme: Payments to farmers for relief from the hazardous effects of a devastating drought which has affected Namibia.	2,100,859	"

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Namibia**REPORTING PERIOD: 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999***Measures exempt from the reduction commitment – Special and Differential Treatment – "Development Programmes"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (N\$)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Investment subsidy available to subsistence farmers.	Affirmative action programme: Interest subsidy on loans for the purchase of commercial farming land by subsistence farmers.	7,000,000	Estimates and expenditure of the Ministry of Agriculture
	National Agricultural Credit Programme: Interest subsidy to subsistence farmers on seasonal loans for crop production and longer term loans for the purchase of draught animals and breeding stock as well as for other essential farm development undertakings.	8,162,000	"
Input subsidy to subsistence farmers.	Fertilizer subsidy: Fertilizers are made available to subsistence farmers at a subsidized price.	205,702	"
	Seed subsidy: Improved varieties of millet and maize seed are made available to subsistence farmers at a subsidized price.	0 (Discontinued)	"
	Ploughing services: Ploughing is carried out by tractor for subsistence farmers at subsidized cost.	1,350,000	"