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**PRESS RELEASE BY THE NAMA GENOCIDE TECHNICAL  
COMMITTEE ON THE UPDATE GIVEN REGARDING FRUITFUL  
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ON THE 1904 –  
1908 NAMA/OVAHERERO GENOCIDE  
MONDAY; 17TH MAY 2021**

Our response to the Genocide negotiations between the Namibian government and the German government is as follows:

- 1) It's a Holy Case! It's a Sacred Case! It's a Noble Case!  
The two governments are not dealing with this matter in this spirit.
- 2) It must be clear that the Nama and the Herero are not in confrontation or at war with the German Government. But only demand justice for the wounds of the past to be healed.
- 3) We have no information on the negotiations that lead to "fruitful discussion with the German government" and have not even been approached for our input.
- 4) We are not part of the negotiating team
- 5) It was shocking and disappointing to hear of this news through the media.
- 6) To say that the Nama & Herero traditional Leaders agreed is not true
- 7) It is not clear how the acknowledgement and apology would be done. How genuine would it be? To whom and how will the apology be addressed. Will it just be a formal and cold apology and acknowledgement in a parliament! What about reconciliation?
- 8) We are eagerly waiting to hear what the compensation would be and how they arrived at that compensation.



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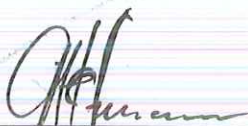
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- 9) The process of repatriation of all human remains of Namibian origin, still kept in German custody, must be duly and fully completed. We still demand that all the skulls be returned. They are not Germans but Namibians and belong in Namibia to the Namibians – The Namas & Hereros.
- 10) It should be noted that the founders of the Genocide talks; late Paramount Chief Riruako and me during this so called negotiations were not consulted during all these years.
- 11) Our primary demands are:
  - a) The Roundtable
  - b) Acknowledgement
  - c) Apology
  - d) Repatriation
  - e) Reparations
  - f) Restoration
  - g) Reconciliation
- 12) We will be waiting to hear the official response from the Namibian government and will respond accordingly in the future.
- 13) **THERE CAN BE NO RECONCILIATION WITHOUT JUSTICE!!!**

SIGNED:

  
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CHAIRPERSON

DATE: MON; 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021