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**PRESIDENT HAGE GEINGOB IN HARARE,
ZIMBABWE TO ATTEND THE EXTRA-
ORDINARY SUMMIT OF SADC HEADS OF
STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

President of the Republic of Namibia, His Excellency Dr. Hage Geingob arrived in Harare, Zimbabwe on April 28, 2015, where he attended the Extra-Ordinary Summit of SADC Heads of State and Government taking place today at Rainbow Towers.

The Summit discussed the Regional Strategy and Roadmap for Industrialization. Meetings of the Standing Committee of Senior Officials and the Extra-Ordinary Council of Ministers preceded the Summit.

Matters discussed at the Summit were the Regional Industrialization Strategy and Roadmap, which was approved, the Review of the Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP), Preparations for the Third COMESA-EAC-SADC

Tripartite Summit and the Launch of Negotiations for the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA).

During his intervention, President Geingob thanked the people and Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe for the warm hospitality accorded to him and his delegation.

He also thanked those SADC leaders present who attended Namibia's Jubilee Celebration of Independence and his inauguration as the third President of Namibia.

The President also took the opportunity to pay tribute to the icon of the Liberation Struggle, Gen (Rtd) Hashim Mbita from the United Republic of Tanzania who passed away on April 26, 2015. He said that General Mbita was more than a mentor to him and that he was a personal friend. In turn , the President has written a letter to the bereaved family through Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete.

President Geingob emphasized the importance for delegates to do justice to the work of the SADC Secretariat by taking the documents back to their countries and disseminating the information to relevant stakeholders in order to preempt

immediate action and implementation. In this regard, the President informed the meeting that he will ensure that seminars featuring relevant institutions are organized upon his return to Namibia in order to ensure that the decisions taken at the Summit are implemented.

Dr. Geingob emphasized that industrialization will take place not just by SADC countries doing things better, but by SADC countries doing things different. He stressed the importance for countries to identify areas that they are good at and focus on industrialization in those areas. He also said it is pertinent that SADC member states take ownership of their own development rather than relying on donor aid.

The President is expected to return to Namibia later this evening.