CONSULATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT AVALON GOLF ESTATE – AUGUST 2020

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Distinguished Golfers, Guests and Sponsors

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Good Evening

I feel delighted to welcome you here tonight for this Charity Golf Tournament Prize Giving Ceremony.

The Proceeds of today's tournament will be donated to Global Rainbow Foundation, who will be responsible to provide prothesis to amputees in Mauritius; thus offering independence, mobility and dignity to those suffering from disability.

Upon receipt of their prothesis, there will be a considerable improvement in the quality of these "autrement capables" and for their family members who were caring for them. Above all, they will find back their <u>happiness</u> and "Joie de Vivre" with the possibility of engaging into a professional activity, thereby increasing their autonomy.

After all, giving is not just about a donation. It is about <u>making a difference!</u> An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves.

We must also not forget a man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows.

Today's event not only profiles the sport of golf, but also shows how it can contribute towards improving the quality of life of the most vulnerable. As a Honorary Consul for an African Country, I associate myself for the word AFRICANACITY – the distinctly African ability to always find a way to get things done and bring possibilities to life.

Allow me to thank and congratulate the golfers who took part in this tournament today in support of amputees.

I am humbled by the generous support of my main sponsors namely Absa The Bank Who care, Mini Cooper, Swan for life and Avalon not to forget my sponsors for the amazing 26 prizes for the winners in the different countries.

My heartfelt appreciation to Jacques Li Wan Po for giving us the opportunity to discover his latest brand of whisky, Hankey Bannister which is being served tonight, Grays for the wine and Le Connoisseur for the champagne offered to the overall winners.

I feel so blessed to have been so well accompanied in this enriching adventure by Ryan Dodds, the Golf Director, and Avinash Govind, the Events Executive of Avalon Golf Estate.

After the Prize Giving Ceremony, please enjoy the delicious dinner and deserts prepared by Chef Hans and the music by the Mauritius Police Pop Group. And for the brave, the dance floor is open!

May I wish you all a very pleasant evening.