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**CABINET APPROVES IMPLEMENTATION OF VISA REQUIREMENT FOR NON-RECIPROCATING COUNTRIES**

The Cabinet of the Republic of Namibia has granted authorization to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security to introduce an entry visa requirement to countries that have not reciprocated the favourable treatment granted to their nationals when visiting Namibia. This strategic decision, aimed at fostering fair and balanced diplomatic relations, will affect a total of 31 countries.

In recent years, the Republic of Namibia through the Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security has extended gestures of goodwill and favourable treatment to nationals of various countries. However, despite these efforts, certain nations have not reciprocated. In light of this disparity, the government has deemed it necessary to implement a visa requirement to ensure parity and fairness in diplomatic interactions.

The date of implementation and application will be communicated at a later stage through diplomatic channels. Nationals from the following 31 countries will be issued with visas upon arrival in Namibia at an applicable fee in addition to online visa application.

<b>NO</b>	<b>COUNTRIES</b>
1	Armenia
2	Austria
3	Azerbaijan
4	Belarus
5	Belgium
6	Canada
7	Denmark
8	Finland
9	France
10	Germany
11	Iceland
12	Ireland
13	Italy
14	Japan
15	Kazakhstan
16	Kyrgyzstan
17	Liechtenstein
18	Luxemburg
19	Moldova
20	Netherland
21	Norway
22	Portugal
23	Spain
24	Sweden
25	Switzerland
26	Tajikistan
27	Turkmenistan
28	Ukraine
29	United Kingdom
30	United States of America
31	Uzbekistan

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security will provide the existing guidelines and procedures for issuance of visas for travellers from the affected countries. The Government emphasizes that this measure is not intended to hinder legitimate travel but rather to uphold the principle of reciprocity in international relations. Namibia remains committed to fostering positive and mutual beneficial diplomatic relations with all nations. In addition, Namibia also remains steadfast in its commitment to hospitality, extending a cordial welcome to visitors and tourists alike.

However, the implementation of the visa requirements highlights the Government's determination to ensure that the interests and rights of Namibian citizens are respected and protected on the global stage.

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