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Introduction

The Constitution of the Republic of Namibia was written by the Constituent Assembly, which had been elected in the UN-supervised first free general elections in Namibia during November 1989.

The Assembly sat between 21.11.1989 - 16.3.1990 and passed the Constitution in February 1990. (The proceedings of the Constituent Assembly are held in the Official Publications Collection, reference no. AP 23/02/01). The Constitution came into force with the independence of Namibia on 21 March 1990. It was published in the Government Gazette of the Republic of Namibia, no.2 (1990).

Drafts for the national symbols were discussed and approved by the Sub-Committee on National Symbols, chaired by Hon. Hidipo Hamutenya.

Drafts for the national flag and the coat of arms are shelved separately in the archival group SYM.

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Content

Bundle 1

File	File title	Remarks
(1)	Constitution of the Republic of Namibia	Original document signed by all members of the Constituent Assembly

Bundle 2

File	File title	Remarks
(2)	National Anthem. <i>Original</i>	Written and composed by Axali Doëseb
(2) a	National Anthem. <i>Drafts</i>	
(2) b	National Anthem. <i>"First official version"</i>	
(3)	National Seal	
(4)	Presidential Flag. <i>Approved version and a different proposal</i>	
(5)	Crest (Coat of Arms)	

Note: The approved version of the national flag is not included here.

Restrictions

Group AAA is stored in the Safe and may only be viewed upon a special motivated application to the Head of Archives. Users are advised to use the published editions of the Constitution and copies of the national symbols. Copies of the files (2)-(5) are stored in a user copy of group AAA. A digital version of the same is also available.

Further References:

The Constitution of the Republic of Namibia has been published several times. It was officially published in the Government Gazette (Gazette no.2). The Archives Library further holds copies in book form (including amended versions and translations) under the following shelf numbers:

- PA/0428 [1990]
- REF/R/5 [1993]
- AA/0359 [1993]
- AA/1934 [1993]
- AA/1026 [2002, English/Afrikaans]
- AA/1027 [2002, English/Silozi]
- AA/1035 [2002, English/Setswana]

The drafts submitted by the public for the national flag and the coat of arms have been shelved separately in the archives group **SYM** (Subcommittee on National Symbols), findaid 1/1/219. Apparently, no minutes of the sessions of the Subcommittee on National Symbols have been kept.