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Genocide Council and Culture Minister to return skulls

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A DELEGATION of 27 members from the Ovaherero/ Ovambanderu Council on the 1904 Genocide will accompany Sport and Culture Minister Kazenambo Kazenambo to Germany to perform rituals and other engagements of significance before the repatriation of the skulls of Namibians who died in the war.

The delegation is to be led by Kaihepovazandu Alphons Maharero, who is Ombara Onene (Supreme leader) and 10 other Ozombara Ozonene (Supreme leaders). This was announced by the Council for the Dialogue on the 1904 Genocide (OCD- 1904) which held a Consultative Meeting at Okahandja yesterday to deliberate on the repatriation of the skulls of Namibians from Germany by 28 May 2011.

They updated the Council on the progress by the Namibian Government and the German Government in their effort to facilitate the return of the skulls from Germany. “The Namibian and German Governments are exchanging ideas about the programme for the ceremony to be held in Germany, which should be ready by next week”, said the Secretary of the OCD-1904, Ueriuka Tjikuaa.

The OCD-1904 expressed its appreciation for the initiative of the Nama Traditional Leadership Association (NTLA) for reaching out to other communities by extending an invitation during a joint meeting at Mariental. “The OCD-1904 urges the NTLA to appoint a committee with the mandate to engage their OCD-1904 counterparts in matters pertaining to modalities and the logistics for such a joint meeting, and a possible Draft Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by all Namibian stakeholders who represent the broader spectrum of the victims of the German colonial Genocide”, added Tjikuaa.

The OCD-1904 expressed its gratitude for the decision taken by the Namibian Cabinet to have the remains returned to Namibia and allocating resources to the Ministry of Youth, National Service, Sport and Culture for this exercise.

The meeting was chaired by the Chairperson of the Council, Ombara Onene Kaihepovazandu Alphons Maharero and included Ombara Onene Uaakutjo Kambazembi, Ombara Onene Christian Eerike Zeareua, Ombara Onene Vimuii Tjambiru, Ombara Onene Tjjimbuare Tomo, Ombara Onene Uziruapi Tjavara, Ombara Onene Oscar Vemutonda Mureti, Acting Paramount Chief Kunomundu Gerson Katjirua, Ombara Jooste Vihanga, senior councillors, councillors and the members of the OCD-1904 Technical Committee.

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Senior Councillors, Councillors and the
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Chairperson of the OCD – 1904 and Ombara Onene
(Supreme Leader) Kaihepovazandu Alphons Maharero
and Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) President,
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