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## THE PRESIDENCY

No. 337

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It is hereby notified that the President has assented to the following Act, which is hereby published for general information:

**Act No. 1 of 2016: Local Government: Municipal Electoral Amendment Act, 2016**

## VHUPRESIDENDE

Nom 337

18 March 2016

Zwi khou divhadziwa henehfa uri mupresidende o tendelana na uyu mulayo une wa khou andadziwa hu u itela nqivhadzo kha tshitshavha:

**Nom 1 ya 2016: Muvhuso Wapo: Mulayo wo Khwiniswaho wa Khetho dza Masipala wa 2016**

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**GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

[ ] Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.

— Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

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(Assented to 11 March 2016)*

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# ACT

**To amend the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act, 2000, so as to define an expression and to amend a definition; to amend provisions relating to the nomination of candidates; to provide for different modalities for payments of electoral deposits; to provide for the electronic submission of candidate nomination documents; to provide for the notification of interested parties where a candidate has been nominated by more than one person; to clarify the circumstances in which new ballot papers may be issued to voters; and to clarify the provisions relating to the determination and declaration of the results of by-elections; and to provide for matters connected therewith.**

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

**Amendment of section 1 of Act 27 of 2000**

1. Section 1 of the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act, 2000 (Act No. 27 of 2000) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), is hereby amended—

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(a) by the insertion after the definition of “assignment” of the following definition:

“**authorised representative**”, in relation to a party, means a natural person duly authorised by the party in accordance with its constitution to act on the party’s behalf for purposes of submitting a party list or nominating a ward candidate;”; and

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(b) by the substitution for the definition of “identity document” of the following definition:

“**identity document**” means[—

(a) an identity document issued after 1 July 1986, in terms of section 8 of the repealed Identification Act, 1986 (Act No. 72 of 1986); or

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(b) a temporary identity certificate] an identity card issued in terms of the Identification Act, 1997 (Act No. 68 of 1997), and, subject to section 25 of that Act, includes the green, bar-coded identity document contemplated in that section;”.

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**THALUTSHEDZONYANGAREDZI:**

[ ] Maipfi o swifhadziwaho ngomu kha buraketse dza zwikwea a sumbedza two bviswaho kha mulayo.

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Maipfi o talelwaho nga fhasi nga mutalo u songo khauwaho a sumbedza two dzeniswaho kha mulayo.

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**MULAYO**

U khwiñisa kha Mulayo wa, Muvhuso Wapo: Mulayo wa Khetho dza Masipala wa, 2000, u itela u ḡalutshedza zwine zwa khou ambiwa na u khwiñisa ḡalutshedzo; u khwiñisa mbetshelo dici kwamaho u nangwa ha vhonkhetheni; u ita mbetshelo ya ndila dzo fhambano dza u badela dzidiphosithi lwa iżekitħironiki; u ita mbetshelo kha zwa u isa mañwalwa a u nanga nkethetheni nga ndila ya iżekitħironiki; u ita mbetshelo ya u əvihadza mahoro a re na dzangalelo hune nkethetheni a vha o əngiwa nga vhatħu vhane vha fhira muthu muthihi; u ḡandavhudza uri zwi pfalesese nga ha nyimele ine khayò mabammbari a u khethela khao maswa a nga flixa vhakhethi; na u ḡalutshedza mbetshelo dici kwamaho u lavhelesa na u əvihadza mvelelo dza khetho dza vhupo honoho; na u ita mbetshelo kha mafhungo a kwameaho.

**U KHWATHISWE** nga Phalamennde ya Riphabużiċċi ya Afrika Tshipembe, sa zwi tevhelaho:—

**U khwiñiswa ha khethekanyo ya 1 ya Mulayo wa 27 wa 2000**

1. Khethekanyo ya 1 ya Mulayo wa, Muvhuso Wapo: Mulayo wa Khetho dza Masipala, wa 2000 (Mulayo wa nomboro ya. 27 wa 2000) (afha u tshi khou vhidzwa upfi Mulayo muhulwane), u khou khwiñiswa—

(a) Nga u dzenisa nga murahu ha ḡalutshedzo ya “mushumo tshuñwa” ya ḡalutshedzo i tevhelaho: 5

“ **‘muimeleli o tendelwaho**”, malugana na lihoru, zwi amba muthu wa vhukuma ane o tendelwa nga lihoru u ya nga ndayotewa yalo uri a imel ilo lihoru u itela ndivho dza u isa mitevhe wa lihoru kana nkethetheni wa wadi;”; na

(b) nga u imelwa ha ḡalutshedzo ya “bugundaula” ya ḡalutshedzo i tevhelaho: 10  
“ **‘bugundaula’** zwi amba[—

(a) **bugundaula yo qetshedzwaho** nga murahu ha dici 1 Fulwana 1986, u ya nga khethekanyo ya 8 ya Mulayo wa Vhuñe, wa 1986 (Mulayo wa nomboro ya. 72 wa 1986); kana

(b) **ħanziela ya vhuñe ya tshifhinganyana]** khadi ya vhuñe yo qetshedzwaho u ya nga Mulayo wa Vhuñe, wa 1997 (Mulayo wa nomboro ya. 68 wa 1997), nahone, hu tshi tevhedzwa khethekanyo ya 25 ya uyo Mulayo, hu katelwa bugundaula dala i re na bakhoud sa two sumbedzwaho kha iyo khethekanyo;”. 15 20

**Amendment of section 14 of Act 27 of 2000, as amended by section 2 of Act 14 of 2010**

**2.** Section 14 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

- (a) by the substitution in subsection (1) for the words preceding paragraph (a) of the following words:

“A party may contest an election in terms of section 13(1)(a) or (c) only if the party by not later than a date stated in the timetable for the election has submitted to the [office of the Commission’s local representative] Commission—”;

- (b) by the deletion in subsection (1)(a) of subparagraph (i);

- (c) by the substitution in subsection (1) for paragraph (b) of the following paragraph:

“(b) a deposit equal to a prescribed amount, if any, payable [by means of a bank guaranteed cheque in favour of the Commission] in the prescribed manner and form.”;

- (d) by the insertion after subsection (1) of the following subsection:

(1A) A party must submit the documents referred to in subsection

(1)—

(a) by hand to the office of the Commission’s local representatives; or

(b) electronically to the chief electoral officer in the prescribed manner.

- (e) by the substitution in subsection (4) for paragraph (b) of the following paragraph:

“(b) allow the party to submit the outstanding documents [to the office of the Commission’s local representative] as provided for in subsection (1A) by no later than the date and time stated in the election timetable.”; and

- (f) by the insertion after subsection (4) of the following subsection:

“(4A) If a candidate appears on more than one party list for an election—

- (a) the chief electoral officer must, in writing, notify the candidate and all the parties on whose party lists such a candidate appears by no later than the relevant date and time stated in the election timetable; and

- (b) each of the parties to whom notice has been given in terms of paragraph (a) may, by no later than the relevant date and time stated in the election timetable, substitute such a candidate and re-order the names on its party list as a result of that substitution.”.

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**Amendment of section 14A of Act 27 of 2000, as inserted by section 3 of Act 14 of 2010**

**3.** Section 14A of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (2) of the following subsection:

“(2) Payments must be made [by bank guaranteed cheque] before the cut-off time for the submission of party lists and [every cheque must be accompanied by] the party must submit to the Commission, before such cut-off time, a notice in the prescribed form specifying the details of each municipality to which the deposits apply.”

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**Amendment of section 17 of Act 27 of 2000, as amended by section 4 of Act 14 of 2010**

**4.** Section 17 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

- (a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:

“(1) A person may contest an election as a ward candidate only if that person is nominated on a prescribed form and that form is submitted to

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**Ukhwiñiswa ha khethekanyo ya 14 ya Mulayo wa 27 wa 2000, une wa khou khwiñiswa nga khethekanyo ya 2 ya Mulayo wa 14 wa 2010**

**2. Khethekanyo ya 14 ya Mulayo muhulwane i khou khwiñiswa—**

- (a) nga u imelwa kha khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (1) kha maipfi a rangelaho phara ya  
 (a) ya maipfi a tevhelaho:

“Lihoro li nga dzenela khetho u ya nga khethekanyo ya 13(1)(a) kana  
 (c) fhedzi arali lihoro hu si nga murahu ha datumu yo bulwaho kha  
 tsumbatshifhinga ya khetho lo isa kha[muimeleli wapo wa ofisi ya  
**Khomishini] Khomishini”;**

- (b) nga u thuthwa kha khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (1)(a) ya pharagirafu ya (i);  
 (c) nga u imelwa kha khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (1) kha pharagirafu ya (b) ya phara  
 i tevhelaho:

“(b) diphosithi ine ya lingana na tshelede yo randelwaho, arali zwo tea u  
 pfalo, i badelwaho [nga tsheke yo garantiwaho kha Khomishini]  
nga ndila yo randelwaho nahone yo teaho.”;

- (d) nga u dzenisa nga murahu ha khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (1) ya khethekanyo i  
 tevhelaho:

“(1A) Lihoro li tea u isa mañwalwa o ambiwaho kha khethekanyo  
 ḫukhu ya (1)—

- (a) nga tshanq̄a kha ofisi ya muimeleli wapo wa Khomishini; kana  
 (b) nga ndila ya iłekit̄hironiki kha muofisiri muhulwane wa khetho nga  
ndila yo randelwaho.”;

- (e) nga u imelwa kha khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (4) kha pharagirafu ya (b) ya  
 pharagirafu i tevhelaho:

“(b) u tendela lihoro li tshi isa mañwalwa o salelaho [**kha muimeleli  
 wapo wa ofisi ya Khomishini**] sa zwo vhetshelwaho kha  
 khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (1A) hu sa athu u fhira datumu na  
 tshifhinga zwo bulwaho kha tsumbatshifhinga ya khetho.”; na

- (f) nga u dzenisa nga murahu ha khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (4) ya khethekanyo  
 ḫukhu i tevhelaho:

“(4A) Arali nkheneni a kha mitevhe ya khetho ya mahoro ane a fhira  
 lithihi—

- (a) muofisiri muhulwane wa khetho nga u tou ñwala, u tea u qivhadza  
 nkheneni na mahoro oghe nga ha mitevhe yao na vhonkhetheni  
 vhane vha vha kha mitevhe hu sa athu fhira datumu na tshifhinga  
 zwo teaho zwine zwo bulwa kha tsumbatshifhing ya khetho; na

(b) lihoro liñwe na liñwe lo qivhadziwaho u ya nga pharagirafu ya (a)  
 li nga, hu sa athu u fhira datumu na tshifhinga zwo bulwaho kha  
 tsumbatshifhinga ya khetho, imelisa uyo nkheneni nahone la  
 dzudzanya madzina kha mitevhe wa lihoro zwo itwa nga uho u  
imeliswa.”.

**U khwiñiswa ha khethekanyo ya 14A ya Mulayo wa 27 wa 2000, i dzeniswaho nga  
 khethekanyo ya 3 ya Mulayo wa 14 wa 2010**

**3. Khethekanyo ya 14A ya Mulayo Muhulwane i khou khwiñiswa nga u imelwa kha  
 khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (2) ya khethekanyo ḫukhu i tevhelaho:**

“(2) Mbadelo dici itwa [nga tsheke yo garantiwaho ya banngani] phanq̄a ha  
 tshifhinga tsha u vala u isa mitevhe ya lihoro na uri [tsheke iñwe na iñwe i tea u  
 fhelekedzwa nga] lihoro li tea u isa kha Khomishini, phanq̄a ha tshifhinga tsha u  
 vala, ndivhadzo kha fomo yo randelwaho li taluse zwidodombedzwa zwa masipala  
 muñwe na muñwe une wa khou diphosithelwa mbadelo.”

**Ukhwiñiswa ha khethekanyo ya 17 ya Mulayo wa 27 wa 2000, wo khwiñiswaho nga  
 khethekanyo ya 3 ya Mulayo wa 14 wa 2010**

**4. Khethekanyo ya 17 ya Mulayo Muhulwane i khou khwiñiswa—**

- (a) nga u imelwa kha khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (1) ya khethekanyo i tevhelaho:

“(1) Muthu a nga dzenela khetho sa nkheneni wa wadi fhedzi arali  
 uyo muthu o nangwa nga fomo yo randelwaho nahone iyo fomo yo iswa

- the [**office of the Commission's local representative**] Commission by not later than a date stated in the timetable for the election.”;
- (b) by the insertion after subsection (1) of the following subsection:
- (1A) The prescribed nomination form must be submitted—
- (a) by hand to the office of the Commission's local representatives; or
- (b) electronically to the chief electoral officer in the prescribed manner.
- (c) by the deletion in subsection (2) of the word “and” at the end of paragraph (e), the insertion of the word “and” at the end of paragraph (f) and the addition to that subsection of the following paragraph:
- “(g) in the case of an independent ward candidate, a recent photograph of the candidate in such form as may be prescribed.”; and
- (d) by the insertion after subsection (2) of the following subsection:
- “(2B) If a ward candidate has been nominated by more than one party or person for an election—
- (a) the chief electoral officer must, in writing, notify the candidate and such parties or persons who have nominated such a candidate by no later than the relevant date and time stated in the election timetable; and
- (b) each of the parties or persons to whom notice has been given in terms of paragraph (a) may, by no later than the relevant date and time stated in the election timetable, substitute such a candidate.”.

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#### **Amendment of section 49 of Act 27 of 2000**

**5. Section 49 of the principal Act is hereby amended—**

- (a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:

“(1) If a voter [**accidentally**]—

- (a) marks a ballot paper in a way that does not indicate for whom the voter wishes to vote; or
- (b) after having marked the ballot paper, changes his or her mind as to how he or she wishes to vote,

and the ballot paper has not yet been placed in the ballot box, the voter may return that ballot paper to the presiding officer or a voting officer.”;

- (b) by the addition of the following subsection:

“(4) The Commission must prescribe the number of times a new ballot paper may be issued in terms of subsection (3), with due regard to section 19 of the Constitution.”

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#### **Amendment of section 64 of Act 27 of 2000, as amended by section 9 of Act 14 of 2010**

**6. Section 64 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:**

“(1) On receipt of all the results of the count in respect of all ballots conducted at the voting stations within the municipality or ward, as the case may be, the Commission must—

- (a) determine the result of the election in the municipality or ward, as the case may be;
- (b) record the result on a prescribed form; and
- (c) declare the result in public.”.

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- kha [**muimeleli wapo wa ofisi ya Khomishini**] Khomishini hu sa athu fhira datumu na tshifhinga zwo bulwaho kha tsumbatshifhinga ya khetho.”;
- (b) nga u dzhenisa nga murahu ha khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (1) ya khethekanyo ḫukhu i tevhelaho:
- “(1A) Fomo yo randelwaho ya u nanga i tea u iswa—
- (a) nga tshanḍa kha ofisi ya muimeleli wapo wa Khomishini; kana
- (b) nga ndila ya iłekitħironiki kha muofisiri muhulwane wa khetho nga ndila yo randelwaho.”;
- (c) nga u thutha kha khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (2) ipfi “na” mafheloni a phara ya (e), u dzhenisa ipfi “na” mafheloni a pharagirafu ya (f) na u engedza kha iyo khethekanyo ḫukhu hu tshi engedzwa pharagirafu i tevhelaho:
- “(g) kha nyimele ya musi nkheteni wa wadi o diimisa nga ethe, tshinepe tsha zwino-zwino tsha nkheteni tshi vhe kha yeneyo fomo sa zwe randelwaho.”; na
- (d) nga u dzhenisa nga murahu ha khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (2) ya khethekanyo ḫukhu i tevhelaho:
- “(2B) Arali nkheteni wa wadi o nangiwa nga mahoro ane a fhira jithihi kana vhathu vhane vha fhira muthihi kha khetho—
- (a) muofisiri muhulwane wa khetho nga u tou īwala, u tea u vhudza nkheteni uyo na ayo mahoro kana avho vhathu vhe vha nanga uyo nkheteni hu sa athu u fhira datumu na tshifhinga zwo bulwaho kha tsumbatshifhinga ya khetho; na
- (b) īħoror īnwe na īnwe kana vhathu vhañwe na vhañwe vhane vho divhadziwa u ya nga pharagirafu ya (a) hu sa athu u fhira tshifhinga tħo bulwaho kha tsumbatshifhinga ya khetho, imelisa uyo nkheteni.”.

#### **U khwiñiswa ha khethekanyo ya 49 ya Mulayo 27 wa 2000**

##### **5. Khethekanyo ya 49 ya Mulayo muhulwane i khou khwiñiswa—**

- (a) nga u imelwa kha khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (1) ya khethekanyo ḫukhu i tevhelaho:
- “(1) Arali mukhethi [a khakha]—
- (a) a īwala bammbiri ja u khethela khalo nga ndila i sa sumbedzi uri u khou khetha nnyi; kana
- (b) nga murahu ha musi o īwala kana u khetha kha bammbiri ja u khethela khalo, a shandukisa muhumbulo wawewa wa kukhetheli, naħone bammbiri ja u khethela khalo li sa athu u dzjeniswa kha bogisi ja mabammbiri a u khethela, mukhethi a nga humisela bammbiri ilo kha muofisiri wa khetho.”; na
- (b) nga u engedzwa ha khethekanyo ḫukhu i tevhelaho:
- “(4) Khomishini i fanela u randela uri bammbiri ja u khethela khalo li tea u fħiwa muthu lungana u ya nga khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (3), hu tshi dzħielwa nħha khethekanyo ya 19 ya Ndayotewa.”

#### **Ukhwiñiswa ha khethekanyo ya 64 ya Mulayo wa 27 wa 2000, u khwiñiswaho nga khethekanyo ya 9 ya Mulayo wa 14 wa 2010**

##### **6. Khethekanyo ya 64 ya Mulayo Muhulwane i khou khwiñiswa nga u imelwa kha khethekanyo ḫukhu ya (1) ya khethekanyo ḫukhu i tevhelaho:**

- “(1) Musi ho tħaganedzwa mvelelo dzothe dzo vhalwaho malugana na mabammbiri a u khethela khao o shuñwaho kha zwiżiżshi zwa vhukħethelo kha masipala kana wadi, sa zwine zwithu zwa vha, Khomishina u tea u—
- (a) lavhelesa mvelelo dza khetho kha masipala kana wadi, sa zwine zwithu zwa vha;
- (b) rekhoda mvelelo kha fomo yo randelwaho; na
- (c) divhadza mvelelo tħitħavha.”.

**Amendment of Schedule 3 to Act 27 of 2000, as inserted by section 11 of Act 14 of 2010**

7. Schedule 3 to the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution in Item 5 for subitems (1) and (2) of the following subitems, respectively:

“(1) Registered parties that intend to contest this election in terms of section 14 must nominate and submit [**a notice of intention to contest**], a party list of their candidates and the prescribed deposit with the supporting documents for the election [**to the office of the Commission's local representative**] in the manner provided for in section 14(1A)(a) or (b) in the prescribed form [**and manner**] by ..... (date).

(2) Registered parties and nominators of independent candidates that intend to contest a ward in this election in terms of section 17, must submit their nominations and the prescribed deposits with the supporting documentation for the said ward election [**to the office of the Commission's local representative**] in the manner provided for in section 14(1A)(a) or (b) in the prescribed form [**and manner**] by ..... (date).”; and

(b) by the insertion after Item 6 of the following Item:

**“Multiple nominations**

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**6A.** (1) The Commission must notify a candidate whose name appears on more than one party list for an election submitted in terms of section 14 and all the parties on whose party lists such a candidate appears by .... (date).

(2) If the notified party decides to act in terms of section 14(4A)(b), that party must do so by ..... (date).

(3) The Commission must notify a ward candidate that has been nominated by more than one party or person for an election, and each party or person who has nominated such candidate, by ..... (date).

(4) If the notified nominating party or person decides to act in terms of section 17(2B)(b), that party or person must do so by ..... (date).”.

**Short title and commencement**

8. This Act is called the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Amendment Act, 2016, and comes into operation on a date determined by the President by proclamation in the *Gazette*.

**Ukhwiñiswa ha Shedulu ya 3 kha Mulayo wa 27 wa 2000, sa zwine zwa khou dzheniswa nga khethekanyo ya 11 ya Mulayo wa 14 wa 2010**

7. Shedulu ya 3 kha Mulayo muhulwane i khou khwiñiswa—

(a) nga u imelwa kha tshiteñwa tsha 5 kha zwiteñwa zwituku zwa (1) na (2) zwa zwiteñwa zwituku zwi tevhelaho, zweþhe:

“(1) Mahoro o ñwalisaho ane a þoda u dzenela khetho u ya nga khethekanyo ya 14 a tea u nanga na u isa [**nðivhadzo ya u dzenela**], mutevhe wa jihoro wa vhonkhetheni vha one mahoro na diphosithi yo randelwaho khathihi na manwalwa a u khwaþhisidza kha idzo khetho [**kha muimeli wapo wa ofisi ya Khomishini**] nga nðila yo vhetshelwaho kha khethekanyo ya 14(1A)(a) kana (b) kha fomo yo randelwaho [**na nðila**] nga ..... (datumu).

(2) Mahoro o ñwalisaho na vhaþangi vha vhonkhetheni vho ðiimisaho nga vhoþhe vhane vha þoda u dzenela khetho kha wadi kha idzi khetho u ya nga khethekanyo ya 17, vha tea u isa uho u nangwa na diphosithi dzo randelwaho khathihi na manwalwa a u khwaþhisidza lwa idzo khetho dzo bulwaho [**kha muimeli wapo wa ofisi ya Khomishini**] nga nðila yo vhetshelwaho kha khethekanyo ya 14(1A) (a) kana (b) kha fomo yo randelwaho [**na nðila**] nga ..... (datumu).”; na

(b) nga u dzenisa nga murahu ha tshiteñwa tsha 6 tsha tshiteñwa tshi tevhelaho: 20

**“U nangiwa nga mahoro manzhi kana vhatu vhanzhi**

**6A.** (1) Khomishini i tea u ðivhadza nkhetheni ane dzina ja khou vhonala jí kha mitevhe ya mahoro ane a fhira jíthihi kha khetho yo iswaho u ya nga khethekanyo ya 14 na mahoro oþhe ane mitevhe yao ya uyo nkhetheni ya khou vhonala nga ..... (datumu).

(2) Arali jihoro ja tshea u zwi ita u ya nga khethekanyo ya 14(4A)(b), ilo jihoro jí tea u ita izwo nga ..... (datumu).

(3) Khomishini i tea u ðivhadza nkhetheni wa wadi o þangiwaho nga mahoro ane a fhira jíthihi kana nga vhatu vhanzhi kha idzo khetho, na jihoro jíñwe na jíñwe jo þangaho kana muthu o þangaho uyo nkhetheni, nga ..... (datumu).

(4) Arali jihoro jíne ja khou nanga jo ðivhadzwa kana muthu ane a khou nanga o ðivhadzwa a humbula u zwi itwa u ya nga khethekanyo ya 17(2B)(b), ilo jihoro kana uyo muthu vha tea u pfalo nga ..... (datumu).”.

**Dzina jipfufhi na ðuvha ja u thoma u shumisa mulayo**

8. Uno Mulayo u vhidzwa upfi, Muvhuso Wapo: Mulayo wo Khwiñiswaho wa Khetho dza Masipala, wa 2016, nahone u do thoma u shumiswa nga ðuvha jo tiwaho nga Phresidennde nga kha mulevho kha *Gazete*.