

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2011

1. The House met at 15:06.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.
3. [15:06] Questions – Deputy President.
4. [16:01] Questions – Cluster 4: Economics.
5. [17:08] Notices of motion.
6. [17:09] Ms K R Magau moved without notice: That the House –
 - (1) notes that the United Nations’ (UN) International Day of Persons with Disabilities is annually observed on 3 December;
 - (2) further notes that the theme for 2011 is “Together for a better world for all: Including persons with disabilities in development”;
 - (3) recalls that persons with disabilities make up an estimated 10% of the world’s population, 80% of which reside in developing countries;
 - (4) believes that when persons with disabilities are empowered to participate and lead the process of development, their entire community benefits as their involvement creates opportunities for everyone; and

- (5) acknowledges that the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which is both a human rights treaty and a development tool, provides an opportunity to strengthen development policies related to the implementation of internationally agreed development goals, such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), thereby contributing to the realisation of a “society for all” in the twenty-first century.

Agreed to.

7. The Chief Whip of the Opposition moved without notice: That the House –
 - (1) notes that on 9 November the Table Mountain Cableway was selected as the overall winner of the 2011 Imvelo Responsible Tourism Award;
 - (2) further notes that this prestigious award, which creates awareness of environmental management issues in the industry and is open to any type of tourism or hospitality business in Africa, commends the Cableway on its quantifiable, tangible and sustainable contribution to tourism;
 - (3) recognises the continued success of Table Mountain after being named one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World;
 - (4) further recognises that Table Mountain Cableway continues to be at the forefront of environmental stewardship;
 - (5) acknowledges that the Cableway was applauded by the judges for its overall performance and sustained commitment to responsible practice and that it has since 2005 been a finalist and winner in various categories of the Imvelo Awards; and
 - (6) congratulates the management and staff of the Table Mountain Cableway on this monumental achievement.

Agreed to.

8. Ms K R Magau moved without notice: That the House –
 - (1) notes that Palesa Masuku is the overall winner of the 2011 Eskom Expo for Young Scientists as well as joint winner of the Eskom Best Female Project;
 - (2) further notes that her experiments with marula nuts have led to her discovery that marula nuts turn into a coal-like form and can be used as an alternative energy source to wood and paraffin for water heating and cooking in the home;
 - (3) recognises that Ms Masuku will be jetting off to the United Kingdom in August next year for the 2012 London International Youth Science Forum, which is attended annually by some of the world’s best young achievers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and innovation; and

- (4) congratulates her on her accomplishments and wishes her well when she represents South Africa in London next year.

Agreed to.

9. Mrs S V Kalyan moved without notice: That the House –

- (1) notes that Michaela Mycroft was awarded the International Children's Peace Prize 2011 in Amsterdam for her enduring commitment to the rights of children with disabilities in South Africa through her project the Chaeli Campaign;
- (2) further notes that Michaela was born with Cerebral Palsy and has limited limb function and has assisted more than 3000 children with disabilities through the Chaeli Campaign;
- (3) recognises that the International Children's Peace Prize is awarded to exceptional children who have made a significant difference in the lives of children around the world;
- (4) commends Michaela Mycroft on the receipt of this prestigious award and for the work that she and her family does; and
- (5) calls on all South Africans to acknowledge this great achievement and to become motivated to do more to assist persons living with disabilities.

Agreed to.

10. Ms K R Magau moved without notice: That the House –

- (1) notes that South Africa's visible lead in anti-doping policies has resulted in South Africa leading UNESCO in the fight against global anti-doping efforts;
- (2) further notes that this is evident with the appointment of the Deputy Minister of Sport and Recreation, Gert Oosthuizen, as chair of UNESCO's Conference of Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport on 16 November 2011;
- (3) recognises that the International Convention Against Doping in Sport helps governments commit to the global anti-doping rules, policies and guidelines in order to provide an honest and equitable playing environment for all athletes;
- (4) acknowledges that South Africa is being recognised as exhibiting innovative and committed leadership in delivering on the UNESCO Convention Against Doping in Sport in the country and the continent of Africa; and

- (5) further acknowledges that this leadership role will strengthen our international partnerships especially with other African countries with regards to implementing best practices in anti-doping.

Agreed to.

11. The Chief Whip of the Opposition moved without notice: That the House –

- (1) commends South African footballer, May Mahlangu, on his award as Swedish Player of the Year at the Swedish Football Gala on 7 November;
- (2) notes that this skilled midfielder has in 2011 been instrumental in the success of his club, FC Helsingborg, as they completed a league and cup double win;
- (3) acknowledges that Mahlangu, who is part of the SA under 23 squad, scored five goals in 35 appearances for Helsingborg and has as a result of this success been hailed as a future international star for Bafana Bafana; and
- (4) congratulates Mahlangu and wishes him the utmost success for the rest of his career.

Agreed to.

12. Ms K R Magau moved without notice: That the House –

- (1) notes that in 1996, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed on 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day (ICAD) to raise awareness of the importance of international civil aviation and the role that the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) plays in international air transport;
- (2) further notes that the ICAO is the body responsible for developing international standards for aviation safety;
- (3) acknowledges that the theme for this year's worldwide celebrations of International Civil Aviation Day is "Assistance and Cooperation for Globally Sustainable Air Transport"; and
- (4) further acknowledges that the South African commemoration of International Civil Aviation Day will take place in Bisho, Eastern Cape from 5 to 7 December 2011.

Agreed to.

13. The House adjourned at 17:19.

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Secretary to Parliament