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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA TAKES TENTATIVE STEP TOWARDS HIV/AIDS
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THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE CENTER'S AIDS LAW UNIT LAUNCHED A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON HIV/AIDS AND HUMAN RIGHTS NOVEMBER 3, ATTENDED BY ABOUT 100 PERSONS INCLUDING THE EMBASSY'S GLOBAL AFFAIRS OFFICER. THE CONFERENCE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINING A RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO THE HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC AND DEVELOPING AN HIV/AIDS CHARTER OF RIGHTS FOR NAMIBIA. SUPPORTED IN PART BY A GRANT FROM THE EMBASSY'S DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS FUND, THE CONFERENCE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE GROWING CONCERN WITHIN THE NGO COMMUNITY IN NAMIBIA OVER HOW BEST TO PROTECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS INFECTED BY HIV/AIDS. NAMIBIA'S MINISTER OF HEALTH LIBERTINE AMATHILA HAS PUBLICLY COMMITTED THE GOVERNMENT TO A POLICY OF LISTING

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HIV/AIDS AS A NOTIFIABLE DISEASE, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE NOTIFICATION TO HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND SEX PARTNERS IN CASES WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL TESTS POSITIVE FOR HIV ANTIBODIES. THE CONFERENCE AIMS TO BREAK DOWN THE STIGMA ATTACHED TO HIV/AIDS INFECTION IN NAMIBIA BY ENCOURAGING OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE INFECTED AND AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, WE EXPECT THIS CONFERENCE WILL LEAD TO A MORE COHESIVE AND EFFECTIVE LOBBYING EFFORT ON BEHALF OF THE RIGHTS OF THOSE WITH HIV/AIDS.

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