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**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 3316 {NW4432E}**

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**Ms T Breedt (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

- (1) Whether she will furnish Ms T Breedt with a copy of the SA Non-detriment Finding (NDF) document for giraffe, that her department provided to the German Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Management Authority known as the Bundesamt für Naturschutz in August 2023; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on what date and (b) where was the specified NDF published in the Government Gazette for public comment according to the requirements of section 62 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, Act 10 of 2004;
- (2) whether the NDF was published in its final form after the public consultation was concluded; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are the reasons that (i) it has not been published as prescribed and (ii) the NDF was provided to the German CITES Management Authorities as justification for allowing the export and import of giraffe and/or parts without it being published in the Republic; if so, where was the final form published;
- (3) whether she will make a statement on the matter; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**3316. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

- 1) South Africa has entered a reservation on the inclusion of giraffe in Appendix II and, therefore, does not require an Non-detriment Finding (NDF). However, despite this, the Minister has requested the Scientific Authority, hosted by the South African National Biodiversity Institute, to develop the giraffe NDF in order to ensure that export of giraffe products from South Africa is not detrimental to their survival in the wild.

The Scientific Authority of South Africa shared the draft NDF with the German Scientific Authority for the purposes of discussing scientific related matters.

(a) - (b)

The Scientific Authority finalised the giraffe NDF and submitted it to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) for publishing for public comment. The NDF confirms that the export of giraffe products from South Africa is not detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild. The DFFE is intending to publish the NDF for public comment before the end of this financial year.

- 2) (a) - (b)(i) - (ii)

See the response above.

- 3) The Minister will make a statement on the publication of the NDF at the appropriate time.



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**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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