• The Hotels and Restaurants sector serves as a proxy to the tourism sector and it remains a priority sector under NDP5. The contribution of hotels and restaurants to GDP in 2018 was 1.6 percent compared to 1.8 percent recorded in 2017 whereas 1.9 percent was registered in 2016.

• The monthly Index for Rooms’ Occupancy rate recorded 77.7 basis points in December 2019 compared to 103.1 basis points recorded in November 2019 whereas 89.3 basis points were registered in December 2018. This represents declines of 24.6 percent month on month and 13.0 percent year on year.

• The monthly Index for Beds’ Occupancy rate registered 95.2 basis points during December 2019 while in November 2019 the index stood at 118.2 basis points as compared to 96.3 basis points recorded in December 2018. This represents declines of 19.2 percent month on month and 1.2 percent year on year.

• The Index for Regional and International Arrivals1 continued with a downward trend recording 107.4 basis points in December 2019 compared to 108.1 basis points registered in November 2019 whereas 120.8 basis points were registered in December 2018. This represents declines of 0.6 percent month on month and 11.1 percent year on year.

• The Index for Regional and International Departures for December 2019 stood at 102.3 basis points compared to 122.1 basis points recorded in the preceding month whereas 121.8 basis points was registered in December 2018. This represents declines of 16.2 percent month on month and 16.0 percent year on year.

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### Table 1: The indices of international arrivals and departures; and of beds and rooms occupancy

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**Methodology**

**Background:** The room and bed occupancy indices and the arrivals and departures indices serves as a proxy to the tourism sector, a priority sector under NDP5.

**Data sources:** Namibia Airports Company and Hospitality Association of Namibia.

**Base year:** The volumes has been referenced to 2015 data as of November 2019.