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**Statement by Namibia**

**UPR of the Federative Republic of Brazil**

**13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council Working Group on the**

**Universal Periodic Review**

**25 May 2012**

Madame President,

Namibia warmly welcomes H.E. Ms. Maria do Rosario Nunes, Minister for Human Rights of the Federative Republic of Brazil, and her delegation to the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council Working Group on the UPR.

Brazil's efforts to eradicate child labour has seen the reduction of cases by over 800 000 in the past few years. Brazil's 'Programme to Eradicate Child Labour' is therefore a reflection of Brazil's commitment to promote and protect the rights of the child, which is commendable.

Namibia also commends Brazil for enacting the Law on Access to Public Information as a result of a UPR recommendation from the first cycle.

However, killings and violence, including violence against women, remain a concern in the 5<sup>th</sup> largest country in the world, where military and police are also involved in such acts. Namibia recommends that Brazil establish measures for greater accountability to prevent the loss of life. In this respect, Namibia also recommends to Brazil to

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encourage and facilitate relevant human rights institutions to be accredited by the International Coordinating Committee of NHRIs in line with Paris Principles in order to create a space for independent monitoring of human rights particularly on abusive military and police activities.

Madame President,

Namibia takes note of the issues raised about Brazil's education system, but recommends that Brazil continues with its religious education programmes in public schools.

I thank you Madame President.