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Mr Vice President
~~Madame~~ President,

Namibia warmly welcomes H.E. Mr. Andries Nel, Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, and his delegation to the 13th Session of the Human Rights Council Working Group on the UPR.

My delegation is happy to participate in the 2nd UPR of South Africa, as Namibia did not participate in the first one. Namibia and South Africa share a similar history, including one of fighting discrimination and racism. Our common experience has taught us that true reconciliation is the only way to foster peace and development especially after a time of conflict. Namibia therefore commends South Africa for continuing to address the issue of racism at both the national and international level.

Namibia would further like to commend South Africa for its programs targeted at alleviating poverty and fostering development, including its social protection system, its Action Plan on the realization of schooling, as well as the soon to be established South African Development Partnership Agency, all of which are important in achieving the MDGs.

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Namibia would like to make the following recommendations;

1. That South Africa speeds up the process to develop its National Action Plan against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.
2. That South Africa enacts the Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Persons Bill as soon as possible.
3. And that South Africa, in reference to a recommendation by the ICJ, adopt legislation to enable registered South African companies to be held liable for violations of human and labour rights beyond South Africa's borders.

Mr. vice -
I thank you ~~Madame~~ President.