



## REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

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### Statement by Namibia

#### **UPR of Ghana, 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 23 October 2012**

Madame President,

Namibia warmly welcomes Hon. Ebo Barton Oduro, Deputy Minister of Justice of the Republic of Ghana, to the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council Working Group on UPR.

Namibia's delegation is happy to participate in Ghana's UPR and commends the Government for making great advancements in the area of human rights. Amongst other things, the Government of Ghana has enhanced the land registration process which has seen a reduction in the period it takes to register property from three years to three months. The Government is also in the process of drafting a National Human Rights Action Plan which would enable Ghana to address human rights concerns in a comprehensive and systematic manner.

Madame President,

Namibia's delegation would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Ghana:

1. Ensure the separation of juveniles and adults in prison cells, through, inter alia, establishing juvenile detention centres.

2. Consider abolishing the death penalty or establish an official moratorium on its use.

Thank you Madame President.

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