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Madame President,

Namibia warmly welcomes H.E. Mr. Musa Mwenye, Solicitor-General of the Republic of Zambia and his delegation to the 14th Session of the Human Rights Council Working Group on the UPR.

Zambia and Namibia enjoy very close fraternal relations and as such my delegation would like to commend the Government of Zambia for having ratified most core international human rights instruments. Zambia has also enacted robust national legislation which strengthens the normative and institutional framework for human rights in the country. Namibia commends Zambia for legislating the Anti-Human Trafficking Act No. 11 of 2008 which addresses the issue of human trafficking comprehensively, as well as for establishing the National Action Plan on Gender based violence.

Madame President,

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Zambia:

1. Continue to create just and favourable conditions of work.
2. Allocate adequate resources for the health sector as well as to ensure free access to health facilities to the needy.
3. Strengthen the governance of natural resources to ensure, amongst others, their sustainable utilization.

I thank you Madame President.