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UPR of Uzbekistan 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council  
Working Group on the UPR, 24 April 2013, 9am-12:30pm*

Mr. President,

Namibia warmly welcomes the delegation of Germany to the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council Working Group on the UPR.

My delegation commends Germany for its continued focus on the promotion and protection of human rights, both nationally and beyond. Germany has ratified a number of international conventions since its first UPR, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, amongst others. Namibia is however concerned about discrimination against ethnic minorities and migrants and their lack of equal access to employment, housing, and education.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to Germany:

1. Ensure equal access to employment, housing and education to ethnic minorities, especially women.
2. Continue to ensure that no individuals are exposed to the danger of torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment when extradited or deported.
3. Continue to combat all forms of discrimination and racism in sports.

I thank you Mr. President.