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*Working Group on the UPR, 24 April 2013, 9am-12:30pm*

Mr. President,

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

Namibia commends Uzbekistan for the inclusive manner in which their report was compiled. Uzbekistan has taken major steps to strengthen anti-organized crime measures, including preventative and judicial measures. Namibia takes note with appreciation, the positive actions taken by Uzbekistan to deal with juvenile delinquencies, including the enactment of the Prevention of Child Neglect and Juvenile Delinquency Act in 2010, which, amongst other things, focuses on the rehabilitation of minors at risk of the recruitment of juveniles for the commission of offences or other antisocial acts.

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

1. Investigate and prosecute all allegations of torture carried out by Government correctional services or security forces.
2. Ensure religious minorities, including other Christians, are not discriminated against based on their faith.
3. Take all measures to eliminate child labour.

I thank you Mr. President.

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