



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

EMBASSY/PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

Please Check Against Delivery

*Statement by Amb. Sabine Böhlke-Möller, Ambassador/Permanent Representative,
UPR of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, 19th Session of the Human Rights
Council, UN HRC Working Group on the UPR, 1 May 2014*

Mr. President,

Namibia warmly welcomes the DPRK delegation to its 2nd UPR and commends the Government for accepting 81 recommendations from the first UPR Cycle. My delegation further commends DPRK for ratifying the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorism, as well as signing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Namibia takes note with appreciation of the enactment of the Women's Rights Act of 2010 as well as the Children's Rights Act of 2010.

Namibia would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of the DPRK:

1. Increase access to food, healthcare, education, and adequate housing, throughout the country.
2. Further strengthen the independence of the judiciary.
3. Enhance the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, including the right to manifest such individually or in community with others in public or private, in worship, observance, practice and teaching, in line with all the provisions under Article 18 of ICCPR, to which DPRK is a State Party.
4. Consider to put a moratorium on capital punishment with the view of its ultimate abolishment.

We wish the DPRK a fruitful UPR.