



## EMBASSY/PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

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### NAMIBIA'S STATEMENT ON THE REVIEW OF PORTUGAL

### DURING THE 19TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP

Thank you Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes H.E Mr. Bruno Macaes, and H.E. Ms. Teresa Morais, Heads of the Portugal delegation to the 19th UPR Session.

Namibia would like to congratulate the delegation of Portugal on the excellent preparation and presentation of its national report, particularly its commitment to implement all of the 89 recommendations it had accepted.

Similarly, the establishment of the Portuguese National Human Rights Committee in April 2010 is a clear demonstration of Portugal's intentions and commitment to strive for inclusiveness in its midst, which is very encouraging. This body certainly has strengthened dialogue, consultation and information sharing with all Human Rights stakeholders in the Portuguese community, including their international strategic partners in the CPLP and the PALOP Group of countries, as well as the observer nations thereto.

Namibia notes with satisfaction Portugal's association and ratification of eight core UN Human Rights treaties and all their Optional Protocols without reservations since 2009.

However, Namibia would like to offer Portugal the following recommendations:

1. That Portugal also consider and concur to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination's recommendation to ratify the amendments to Article 8, para 6 of the ICERD and,
2. That Portugal harmonize its domestic laws in order to give effect and prominence to international human rights treaties.