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*Statement by H.E. Sabine Böhlke-Möller, Ambassador/Permanent Representative during the Interactive Debates on the Universal Periodic Review of Angola, 30 October 2014, 14h30 – 18h00*

Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes H.E Mr. Rui Jorge Carneiro Manguira, and his delegation to the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group.

Namibia congratulates Angola on the efforts made thus far in entrenching the provisions of the Constitution adopted in 2010, relative to the protection and promotion of human rights.

Namibia notes with satisfaction the measures being undertaken aimed at strengthening legal mechanisms with a view to enhance access to justice, including the domestication of international legal instruments, which clearly demonstrate that relevant progress has been achieved.

Furthermore, the establishment of the Office of the Ombudsman, whose legal status complies with the Paris Principles as an independent public body with the mandate to defend and protect the rights and freedoms of individuals, is commendable.

Namibia makes the following recommendations to Angola:

1. Consider taking the requisite measures aimed at the speedy ratification of all the outstanding international human rights instruments accepted in 2010, these being ICCPR-OP2, CAT, OP-CAT and OP-ICESR and,

2. Consider the enactment of legislation that could give effect to human rights that are recognized in the Constitution and in the ratified Treaties, especially those relating to the rights of women and children.

I thank you, Mr. President.