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Statement by Mrs G Pickering, Legal Attaché during the Interactive Debates on the Universal Periodic Review of Kuwait, 28 January 2015, 014h30 – 18h00

Thank you Mr. President,

Namibia welcomes the delegation of Kuwait to the 21st Session of the UPR. Namibia takes note of the encouraging reforms and developments with regard to the rights of women, particularly the applicable provisions of The Private Sector Labour Law of 2010; The Supreme Council of the Judiciary Decision in 2013 concerning the acceptance of female applicants; as well as the Decree of 2009 authorizing women to hold military and police ranks in the Ministry of the Interior.

Namibia recommends the following:

1. That Kuwait ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at abolition of the death penalty.
2. That Kuwait introduces an official moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty and to commute without delay all death sentences to terms of imprisonment.

We wish Kuwait all the best during their review.

I thank you Mr. President