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Statement by Ms. Gladice Pickering, Legal Attaché, during the Interactive Debates on the Universal Periodic Review of Liberia, 04 May 2015, 14h30 – 18h00

Thank you Mr. President,

Namibia welcomes the delegation of Liberia to the 22nd Session of the UPR and commends them on the presentation of their national report for this review.

Namibia admires the remarkable efforts Liberia has made to recover from the effects of a long civil war and more recently, the devastating Ebola outbreak.

Namibia congratulates Liberia on the adoption of the National Vision: Liberia RISING 2030, and the shorter-term action plan for implementation, the Agenda for Transformation, which aims to improve national development based on the key pillars identified. My delegation also applauds Liberia on the adoption of the Strategic Roadmap for National Healing, Peace building and Reconciliation, which seeks to address the recommendations made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and prioritizes those recommendations that are most compatible with restorative justice.

Namibia would like to recommend the following:

1. That Liberia considers the repeal of the law that allows for the death penalty and introduces a moratorium on the death penalty with a view of total abolishment in line with Liberia's obligations under ICCPR-OP 2.
2. That Liberia takes all necessary measures to abolish corporal punishment for children at all institutions, including alternative care settings.

We wish Liberia all the best during their review.

I thank you Mr. President.