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Statement by Ms. Gladice Pickering – Legal Attaché, during the Interactive Debates on the Universal Periodic Review of Australia, 09 November 2015, 14h30 – 18h00

Mr. President,

Namibia welcomes the delegation of Australia to the 23rd Session of the UPR and commends them on the presentation of their national report. My delegation is honored to serve as member of the Troika for this review.

We take note of the efforts undertaken and the funds allocated to initiatives to improve the livelihood of Indigenous People in Australia including the establishment of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council.

Namibia commends Australia on the introduction of the new Child Care Subsidy, which aims at increasing women's workforce participation, as well as the plan to provide disadvantaged and vulnerable children with better access to early childhood services through the Child Care Safety Net, recognizing that children from disadvantaged backgrounds particularly benefit from quality early learning.

Namibia would like to make the following recommendations:

1. That Australia affirms their commitment to an inclusive society by continuing to support National Anti-Racism Strategies and programs aimed at building social cohesion and community harmony.
2. That Australia takes all necessary measures to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples give their consent to the development and implementation of policies and programs that impact upon their communities and futures.

We wish Australia all the best during their review.

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I thank you Mr. President