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*Statement by Ms. Gladice Pickering – Legal Attaché, during the Interactive Debates on the Universal Periodic Review of Georgia, 10 November 2015, 09h00 – 12h30*

Mr. President,

Namibia welcomes the delegation of Georgia to the 23rd Session of the UPR and commends them on the presentation of their national report for this review.

Georgia made big advances in the field of human rights by amongst other adopting the comprehensive anti-discrimination law in 2014; the comprehensive and long-term Human Rights Strategy (2014–20), and subsequent Action Plan (2014–15); and the National Action Plan on Gender Equality for 2014-2016.

We also take note of the significant steps undertaken in the field of judicial reform and encourage the Government of Georgia to take further action to improve the independence and de-politicizing of the judiciary.

Namibia would like to make the following recommendations:

1. That Georgia takes measures in order to combat Hate Speech and Xenophobia.
2. That Georgia takes active measures to combat discrimination and violence against women and improves its Law on Gender Equality in order to align it with the CEDAW.

I thank you Mr. President