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Statement by Ms. Gladice Pickering – Legal Attaché, during the Interactive Debates on the Universal Periodic Review of Mauritania, 03 November 2015, 09h00 – 12h30

Mr. President,

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

Namibia commends Mauritania on the ratification of all major Human Rights Instruments as published in the Government Gazette of 09 December 2014.

We are further pleased to note the efforts by the Government of Mauritania to improve the efficiency of the justice system, which includes an anti-slavery court created in May 2015 by the Supreme Council of Justice. We are confident that Parliament will soon approve its establishment.

Namibia makes the following recommendations:

1. That Mauritania considers ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. That Mauritania establishes a de jure moratorium on the death penalty with the view of total abolition thereof.
3. That Mauritania implements laws combating child and early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation.

We wish Mauritania all the best during their review.

I thank you Mr. President