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

Mr. President,

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

The world was shocked to hear of the tragic loss of lives, suffering and damage caused by the earthquake that had struck Nepal in April 2015. We again extend our heartfelt condolences to the Government and people of Nepal. We are cognizant of the difficult and taxing demands, which are facing the Government of Nepal in its efforts to come to terms with the consequences of this event in addition to existing challenges. We encourage the Government of Nepal to remain steadfast in their efforts to promote and protect the human rights of its people, as this will install confidence and stability with them.

We are pleased to note the progress made with the new constitution making process and wish Nepal all success with its outcome. We also commend Nepal on the newly introduced National Shelter/Housing Plan of 2014, which aims to ensure favorable, secure and environmental friendly shelter for all income groups.

Namibia makes the following recommendations:

1. That Nepal partner with States and organizations who have experience working with children affected by armed conflict to develop programmes designed to their need to rehabilitation and integration.
2. That Nepal takes all necessary measures to ensure effective implementation of the Caste-based Discrimination and Untouchability Act of 2011 and to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women.

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3. That Nepal ensures equal access to education for all Nepalese children, without discrimination.

We wish Nepal all the best during their review.

I thank you Mr. President