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Mr. President,

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

We congratulate the Government of Oman on the adoption of the Children's Act, which ensures that children in Oman are able to exercise all their rights. Remarkable are also the various programmes, which aim to improve the situation of vulnerable persons by granting financial assistance to elderly persons, persons with disabilities, orphans and widows, pursuant to Oman's Social Security Act. My delegation further wishes to commend Oman on the increased representation of women in the public and private sectors of Oman.

Namibia expresses concern over the limited participation of its citizens in Oman's political life and encourages the Government of Oman to increase this participation to promote and protect the civil and political rights of its citizens.

Namibia makes the following recommendations:

1. That Oman considers ratification of the ICCPR and CAT as well as its Optional Protocols.
2. That Oman takes active steps to amend or repeal all discriminatory provisions that prevent women acquiring, retaining and transferring citizenship on an equal basis with men and ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of the CEDAW.
3. That Oman takes steps to guarantee the right to peaceful assembly for its citizens.

We wish Oman all the best during their review.

I thank you Mr. President

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