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Statement by Ms. Gladice Pickering – Legal Attaché, during the Interactive Debates on the Universal Periodic Review of Sao Tome and Principe, 11 November 2015, 14h30 – 18h00

Mr. President,

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

Sao Tome and Principe improved considerably the birth registration rate and we trust that they will continue to ensure that all children are registered as soon as possible after birth.

We commend Sao Tome and Principe on the adoption of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Plan 2012-2016 and would be interested to know what progress was made with the implementation of this Plan to date.

Namibia would like to make the following recommendations:

1. That Sao Tome and Principe considers ratification of the ICESCR, the ICCPR and Optional Protocol 2 to the ICCPR.
2. That Sao Tome and Principe allocates sufficient resources to the National Child Rights Committee in order to reinstate the functions of this Committee.
3. That Sao Tome and Principe takes active measures to revise all legislation in order to fully guarantee the application of the principle of non-discrimination in domestic laws.

I thank you Mr. President.