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Intervention by Ambassador Modest J. Mero, Permanent Representative, Tanzania Mission to UN, Geneva, during the consideration Universal Periodic Report on Namibia on 18 January 2016

Mr. President,

My delegation thanks the Namibian delegation for the presentation of the second national report and for their constructive engagement in the process.

Tanzania commends Namibia for its achievements since its first cycle review in the field of human rights. We are particularly gratified to note that Namibia has implemented most of the recommendations presented before it during first UPR cycle.

My delegation is particularly impressed with government's achievement to tackle the issue of poverty by introducing a number of important measures such as Green Scheme, Land distribution, the Mass Housing Programme, Water supply and Sanitation, Safe drinking water in line with country's vision 2030. My delegation welcomes the establishment of the Ministry of poverty Eradication and Social Welfare; with specific mandate of co-coordinating all the programs to reduce poverty in the country.

The government's commitment's to empower women with knowledge and skills through women empowering programmes by provision of small grants for projects, training and capacity strengthening for small business owners is commendable. We also applaud the progress made

through programmes and projects to provide access to education, land, health services, housing, employment and other services to all marginalized communities in the country.

We encourage the government to continue with its land reform and resettlement programmes.

Mr. President,

My delegation takes note of the commitment by the government of Namibia on signing and ratifying a number of major human rights treaties as well as their implementation at national level.

We look forward to a successful implementation of the pending agreed recommendations. We encourage Namibia to keep up the momentum generated on the promotion and protection of human rights and we ask the international community to compliment efforts being made by the government of Namibia towards the implementation of its human rights obligations.

I thank you,