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Mister President, the Philippines warmly welcomes the delegation of Namibia to the 2nd cycle of the UPR.

The Philippines lauds the commitment of Namibia in promoting and protecting human rights in accordance with the international standards as reflected on its National Human Rights Plan. We note that this Plan was prepared through a participatory and inclusive process facilitated by its Ombudsman.

We acknowledge Namibia’s achievement in providing universal access to health services and its efforts to pursue major improvements in access to education for its people.

We appreciate the recognition of Namibia on its national report that gender based violence is a serious concern. We welcome Namibia’s National Gender Policy and its commitment to eradicate all forms of gender based violence.

We remain hopeful that Namibia would pursue its commitment to ratify other international human rights treaties that it is not yet a state party.

My delegation recommends to Namibia the following:

1. Allocate adequate funding and provide necessary human resources to fully implement policies and programs aimed at eradicating all forms of gender based violence; and

2. Consider ratifying the ICRMW and ILO Convention 189.

Finally, we wish Namibia a successful review. Thank you, Mister President.