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**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 2ND CYCLE UPR
OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA: 18 JANUARY 2016**

Mr President,

Zimbabwe welcomes the Namibian delegation and thanks them for their report, which covers Namibia's efforts to implement the first cycle UPR recommendations and to improve the situation on the ground in general.

It is commendable that Namibia had by the end of 2013 implemented up to 40 of the 104 recommendations that it accepted during the 1st cycle UPR in terms of enacting enabling legislation, creating an institutional framework and effecting practical implementation measures. For instance, it launched the National Human Rights Action Plan for the period 2015 - 2019 comprising 7 thematic areas, namely; access to health services, access to justice, access to education, access to land, right to water and sanitation, right to housing and the right not to be discriminated against.

Also of note is the National Gender Policy designed to integrate a gender perspective in national programming processes as part of efforts to address gender equality and gender based violence.

Namibia has also done very well in the area of the promotion of indigenous peoples' rights through, *inter alia*; putting in place programmes and projects to resettle the San community in their ancestral lands and building schools and health facilities in those areas.

Zimbabwe recommends that Namibia:

- Accelerates on-going efforts to address the root causes of poverty and hunger so as to uplift the living standards of the poor; and
- Enhances the participation of grass roots people in decision-making processes regarding their welfare.

I thank you Mr President.