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**Bangladesh statement on the UPR of Namibia**

Thank you Mr. President.

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Namibia.

We are happy to note that Namibia continues to enjoy a stable democracy.

We appreciate various actions and programmes adopted by the Government of Namibia showcasing their efforts to promote and protect human rights in the country despite the negative effects of climate change that hinder her efforts. We have noted the investment made in the areas of health, education and poverty reduction and the improvements achieved. Noteworthy in this regard is the establishment of the Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare and its programmes aimed at poverty reduction.

 We would also like to commend Namibia’s role in upholding family as the basic social institution and in the protection of its rights. We recommend Namibia to continue its work in this regard.

We note, despite these achievements, some concerns expressed by many treaty bodies on areas that need further efforts by the government of Namibia, in particular, in the context of women’s rights and safety, and children’s rights. We hope the country will be able to strengthen its efforts to improve in these areas. Thank you.

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