



**Universal Periodic Review 24th Session
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**Statement on behalf of Fiji for the review of Namibia, delivered by Ajendra
Pratap, First Secretary.**

1. Fiji notes that Namibia faces challenges in relation to the right to trial within a reasonable time and that both the civil and criminal courts experience back logs and restrictions to access to legal aid and justice. Fiji also notes that these problems are exacerbated in the rural areas.
 - (i) Fiji recommends that the Government of Namibia provide resources to introduce case management systems in both the criminal and civil court registries to clear the back log of cases and set out time lines for the disposal of cases in accordance with the rights of every person to trial and justice within a reasonable time.

2. Fiji notes that Namibia, has taken substantial and commendable steps to provide accessible and affordable education to all its citizens. In particular Fiji notes that Namibia has adopted a number of education policies such as the Universal primary education programme, and a programme designed to remove the costs of education and transport for San learners. Fiji however notes that for some minority groups education may still have costs which may create barriers to the effective implementation of Government policy.
 - (i) Fiji recommends that Namibia's education policies which are designed for inclusivity, be evaluated by the Government for effectiveness in relation to access and affordability for minority cultural groups.