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Statement
by H.E Mr. Thongphane SAVANPHET
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Mr. President,

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Namibia to the 24th Session of the UPR Working Group, and would like to thank them for their presentation of National Report.

My delegation commends Namibian Government on its efforts on the protection and promotion of human rights in the country, and appreciates the update on the implementation of accepted recommendations of the first UPR.

We welcome the launching of the National Human Rights Actions Plan for the period 2015-2019 to improve human rights situation in the country.

Lao PDR notes the progress made by the Namibian Government in promoting freedom of expression, improving education, access to health care services and addressing poverty reduction.

While wishing Namibia every success in its 2nd UPR, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue to strengthen educational system and to ensure equal access of disabled children to education, and
2. Improve mechanisms of legal and social protection of children against sexual violence.

I thank you, Mr. President