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CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

REPORT OF NAMIBIA

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Mr. President,

My delegation thanks the Hon. Minister of Justice Dr Albert KAWANA for the detailed presentation of Namibia's national report.

Mauritius commends Namibia for the relentless efforts in strengthening its system to safeguard the rights of its people. The adoption of the National Human Rights Action Plan 2015-2019 will pave the way for more coordinated approach towards improvement of human rights in the country. We encourage Namibia to pursue actively the implementation of this Action Plan.

We also recognise the legislations and various measures introduced to provide increased access to health, education, land and justice as positive steps to uplift the living conditions of Namibians.

The project of the Ombudsperson "*My school, My rights, My responsibilities*" is also a laudable initiative to educate children on human rights issues at schools. We hope that the Ombudsperson's Office is adequately equipped with all necessary resources to ensure the success of this project.

The creation of a human rights division within the Namibian Police Department to provide advice and training to police officers on human rights approaches and also to assist in investigation of violations by the law enforcement officials is a positive development to ensure that the rights of those under police custody are safeguarded.

Mauritius also acknowledges the efforts of Namibia to fulfil most of the recommendations received during its first review. We, however, note that the recommendation made by Mauritius during Namibia's first review is yet to be fulfilled. In this regard, we wish to reiterate our recommendation in favour of the ratification of the Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture.

We wish Namibia a successful review.

I thank you, Mr. President.