**Statement by Bulgaria**

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Bulgaria warmly welcomes the delegation of Namibia and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria acknowledges a number of positive developments in the country since the second UPR, in particular the adoption of a Child Care and Protection Act and the launch of a National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security in 2019, in line with relevant recommendations of the review. We praise the launch in October 2020 of a Prioritised National Plan of Action on Gender Based Violence 2019-2023, which indicates clearly the political will and readiness of the Namibian government to address the problem.

We note that the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women have yet to be transposed into the national legislation and policies.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Namibia:

1. Еnsure proper and prompt implementation of the legislation related to eliminating gender based violence.
2. Establish specialised juvenile detention centres in line with recently adopted internal rules and international standards.
3. Take measures to avoid lengthy extra-judicial detention of suspects.

We wish the Delegation of Namibia a successful review!

Thank you.