

**Statement by H.E. Mrs. Julia Imene-Chanduru, Ambassador/Permanent Representative, during the Interactive Dialogue on the Universal Periodic Review of Somalia, 06 May 2021**

**Thank you, Madam President,**

Namibia welcomes the esteemed delegation of Somalia to their third cycle Universal Periodic Review. We thank Somalia for its commitment to the UPR process.

Namibia is pleased to note that, despite the security challenges over the years, Somalia has taken positive steps to protect human rights in its territory. We particularly commend Somalia for the measures taken to end sexual violence in conflict, and for its commitment to implement UNSC Resolution 1325, on Women, Peace and Security.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we make the following recommendations for consideration by Somalia:

1. Ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

2. Ratify the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (the Maputo Protocol)

We wish the delegation of Somalia a successful review.

**I thank you Madam President.**