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Review of Namibia

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Intervention by Ukraine

Madam President,

We welcome the delegation of Namibia and thank for the presentation of its National report.

We positively note the efforts to implement recommendations from the previous UPR’s cycle and progress achieved in respect of human rights, including through the adoption of numerous legislative acts, inter alia the Harabee Prosperity Plan and the National Development Plan 5. Ukraine encourages the Government of Namibia to redouble its efforts in preventing gender-based and sexual violence, ensuring access to justice and the right to a fair trial.

Meanwhile, we wish to recommend to:

* ratify the OP to the CAT, the OP to the ICESCR, the OP to the CRC on a communication procedure, the ICPPED;
* undertake further measures to protect vulnerable groups of population, in particular women, persons with disabilities and children;
* improve access to adequate housing, safe drinking water and adequate sanitation;
* address the problem of high rates of poverty by adopting specific measures targeting rural areas;
* issue a standing invitation to the special procedure mechanisms of the Human Rights Council.

I thank you.