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Thank you, madam president,

My delegation warmly welcomes the esteemed delegation of Namibia and thank them for the exhaustive presentation of the report.

Mauritania commends the positive Human Rights achievements and implementation measures taken during the period under review by Namibia which includes the adoption of legislation on Combating of Trafficking in Persons.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we would recommend Namibia the following:

* Consider ratifying the optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
* Pursue the implementation of The National Agenda for Children (2018–2022).

In conclusion, my delegation wishes to Namibia all success in its ongoing review.

Thank you for your kind attention.