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Thank you, Madam President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the high-level delegation from the Republic of Namibia to this third cycle review and thanks the delegation for their presentation today.

The Maldives acknowledges the efforts made by the Government of Namibia to advance human rights domestically and commends the progress made since the last UPR cycle to strengthen the core values of democracy by promoting human rights and maintaining peace and security in the country. The Maldives would also like to highlight Namibia’s commitment to the UN Human Rights Instruments to which the State is a party to.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following two recommendations:

1. Enact the Prevention and Combatting of Torture bill and provide necessary technical and financial support to all concerned authorities for its implementation.

2. Take necessary steps to ensure equal access to quality health services in both rural and remote areas with an emphasis on prevention and early detection of diseases.

We wish Namibia a successful review. Thank you, Madam President.