**Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of Namibia**

**3 May 2021**

**Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Namibia.

We commend the positive developments that Namibia has made in its international human rights commitments since the previous UPR.

We welcome the establishment of Children’s Advocate in the Office of the Ombudsman and the adoption of a Child Care and Protection Act.

Estonia also welcomes the launch of a National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security and a Prioritised National Plan of Action on Gender Based Violence (2019-2023).

Though many laws and policies concerning gender equality are now in place, implementation remains the key. Despite relatively high numbers of women in high positions in the public and economic sector, traditional gender stereotypes persist across social spheres and cultures.

Estonia would like torecommend to the Government of Namibia to:

- make efforts to improve the status and the rights of indigenous peoples and to adopt the White Paper, drafted by the Ombudsperson office;

- define by law children as persons under the age of 18;

*-* ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;

- ensure digital rights in accordance with international standards.

We wish the delegation of Namibia a successful review meeting.

Thank you!