Statement by Jerry Mika, UPR of Eswatini, 08 November 2021, Permanent Mission of Namibia

1. Thank you Madam President,
2. Namibia warmly welcomes the esteemed delegation of Eswatini to the third cycle Universal Periodic Review and thank them for submitting their national report outlining the national measures undertaken during the period under review to promote, protect and fulfill human rights in Eswatini.
3. Notwithstanding the recent challenges Eswatini has recorded great progress in area of human rights promotion and protection and we particularly note the measures taken to address violence, gender equality and empower women in Eswatini.  This includes the adoption of a national action plan to end violence and the aligning of the National Gender Policy with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.
4. In the spirit of constructive dialogue we make the following recommendations for consideration by Eswatini:

1. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming to the abolition of the death penalty; and

2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

5. We wish the delegation of Eswatini a successful review.