**Statement by Jerry Mika, Universal Periodic Review of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, 05 November 2021**

1. **Thank you, Madam President,**

Namibia warmly welcomes the esteemed delegation from the sisterly United Republic of Tanzania and thank them for preparing a comprehensive national report as well as for the additional information provided today.

The measures taken by Tanzania during the period under review clearly demonstrates her commitment to promote and protect human rights. As a country that prides itself in advocating for the rights of women and children, Namibia particularly welcomes the establishment by the United Republic of Tanzania of Women and Children Protection Committees across the country as part of its efforts to address violence against women and children.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we make the following recommendations for consideration by Tanzania:

1. Ratify the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; and

2. Strengthen planning, budgeting, and institutional mechanisms at the sub-national and national levels to ensure effective implementation of the National Action Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children.

We wish the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania a successful review.

**Thank Madam President,**