

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

**Statement by Ms. Tangi Shikongo, 41st Session, UPR of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 10 November 2022**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Namibia welcomes this opportunity to have a constructive dialogue with the esteemed delegation of the United Kingdom.

Namibia commends the UK government’s approach towards addressing poverty, which has lifted more than a million people in the UK out of absolute poverty over a period of 10 years.

We note, however, that the UK needs to do more to tackle racism, and other related intolerances and, therefore, recommend that the UK:

**1. Withdraw its interpretative declaration to Article 4 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;**

**2. Take effective measures to address institutional racism, including by removing structural barriers that prevent racial and ethnic minority communities from enjoying human rights on an equal and non-discriminatory basis.**

We wish the delegation of the United Kingdom a successful review.

I thank you, Mr. President.