**Statement by Jerry Mika, Deputy Permanent Representative, during the Interactive Dialogue on the Universal Periodic Review of the Czech Republic, 23 January 2023**

1. **Thank you, Mr. President,**
2. Namibia welcomes the high level delegation of the Czech Republic and thank them for preparing a comprehensive national report as well as for their commitment to the UPR process.
3. Namibia notes with appreciation the legislative, policy and institutional measures taken by the Czech Republic during the period under review to promote and protect the human rights of all persons on its territory. We particularly commend the Czech Republic for its ongoing efforts to prevent and combat human trafficking.
4. While acknowledging the progress made, we recommend the following for consideration by the Czech Republic:
	1. Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combatting Violence against Women and Domestic Violence; and
	2. Take effective measures to achieve an equitable representation of women in public and political life, especially in legislative and executive decision-making processes as well as in other spaces at all levels.
	3. We wish the delegation of the Czech Republic a successful review.
5. **I thank you, Mr. President.**