**Statement by Jerry Mika, Deputy Permanent Representative, during the Interactive Dialogue on the Universal Periodic Review of the Romania, 02 May 2023**

1. **Thank you, Mr. President,**
2. Namibia welcomes the high level delegation of Romania and thank them for preparing a comprehensive national report as well as for their commitment to the UPR process.
3. Namibia commends Romania for the positive human rights impacting measures taken during the period under review, which inter alia, include the adoption and implementation of measures aimed preventing and punishing all forms of slavery, including trafficking in persons.
4. We are also pleased to note that Romania, in accordance with its international commitments, continues to take legislative and institutional measures to prevent and combat violence against women.
5. While acknowledging the progress made, Namibia recommends the following for consideration by Romania:
	1. Ratify the International Labour Organisation Domestic Workers Convention No. 189 of 2011;
	2. Take effective measures to combat hate speech and incitement to discrimination or violence on racial, ethnic or religious grounds.
	3. We wish the delegation of Romania a successful review.
6. **I thank you, Mr. President.**