**Statement by H.E. Pendapala A. Naanda, Ambassador/Permanent Representative, during the Interactive Dialogue on the Universal Periodic Review of Kenya, 23 January 2020**

1. **Thank you, Madam President,**
2. Namibia welcomes the high level delegation of Kenya and thank them for preparing a comprehensive national report which clearly outlines the measures taken to implement the recommendations from the previous cycle.
3. Namibia is particularly pleased to note the measures taken by Kenya to promote and protect the rights of women and children as well as the steps taken towards the abolishment of the death penalty. We commend, H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya, for commuting the death sentences of over 5000 people in October 2016.
4. While acknowledging the progress made, we recommend the following for consideration by Kenya:
	1. Commute the death sentences of the remaining 810 death row inmates.
	2. Consider ratifying the second optional protocol to the international covenant on civil and political rights aiming to the abolition of the death penalty; and
	3. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to eliminate harmful practices and stereotypes that discriminate against women and girls.
	4. We wish the delegation of Kenya a successful review.
5. **I thank you, Madam President.**