**Statement by H.E. Pendapala A. Naanda, Ambassador/Permanent Representative, during the Interactive Dialogue on the Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of Republic of Turkey, 28 January 2020**

1. **Thank you, Madam President,**
2. Namibia warmly welcomes the delegation of Turkey and makes the following recommendations for consideration:
   1. Take effective measures to eliminate the harmful practice of child, early and forced marriage; and
   2. Step up Government efforts to eliminate child and forced labour.
3. **Madam President,**
4. While commending the positive human rights impact measures taken by Turkey during the period under review, Namibia is concerned about the proposed **“Marry your Rapists Bill”** which is being considered by lawmakers in Turkey. We urge the Government of Turkey to ensure that this proposed legislation does not see the light of the day.
5. **I thank you, Madam President.**