**Statement by H.E. Pendapala A. Naanda, Ambassador/Permanent Representative, during the Interactive Dialogue on the Universal Periodic Review of Croatia, 10 November 2020**

1. Thank you, Madam. President,
2. Namibia warmly welcomes the delegation of Croatia to this Session of the UPR and commends them on presenting their elaborative national report as well as for the actions taken with regards to the implementation of various recommendations made during the previous review. We especially applaud Croatia for adopting a National Anti-discrimination Plan for the period 2017-2022, which is indicative of its commitment to fight the centuries old evils of racism, xenophobia, and related intolerances.
3. In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we make the following recommendations for consideration by Croatia:
	1. Take concrete steps to fully harmonise legislative and policy framework pertaining to gender-based violence with the standards set out in the [Istanbul Convention](https://www.coe.int/en/web/istanbul-convention).
	2. Strengthen measures to address overcrowding in detention centres and prisons.
4. I thank you, Madam. President.