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Namibia

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review*

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1. Namibia reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the Universal Periodic Review mechanism and to the principles of universality, equality, and human dignity that underpin the international human rights system.

2. To that effect, on 4 May 2026, the delegation of the Republic of Namibia headed by the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations, Hon. Fillemon Wise Emmanuel, appeared before the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review for its fourth review.

3. The Working Group had the opportunity, through interactive dialogue, to assess the achievements made and challenges encountered in implementing recommendations made during the previous review.

4. During the interactive dialogue, a total of 111 delegations offered 290 recommendations. Following internal consultations involving all concerned Offices, Ministries and Agencies, Namibia supported 255 recommendations and noted 35 recommendations.

5. While Namibia is a leading country in Africa and globally in advancing women's participation in politics and other decision-making roles, the Namibian Government remains steadfast in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment. Namibia is a strong advocate of the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and continues to implement its National Action Plan, alongside the National Gender Equality and Equity Policy for 2025–2035.

6. The Government has adopted legislative, policy, and institutional measures to prevent human rights violations and combat discrimination, particularly against women and children. At the same time, Namibia acknowledges areas requiring further progress. To that effect, work is underway to finalize legislation to domesticate the provisions of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, while the National Action Plan on Trafficking in Persons (2023–2027) is being implemented, including targeted awareness and capacity-building initiatives.

7. Namibia's social protection system consists of social assistance, social insurance and occupational and private pension to take care of its citizens. The Government continues to promote and provide free education at all levels as contemplated in article 20 of the constitution. The implementation of the education policy on access to education in Namibia has enabled the country to achieve a 95% enrolment rate for learners of 6 to 16 years of age in past few years. Overall Namibia has made improvements in the areas of: Education; Gender Equality; Economic Participation and Opportunity; Political Empowerment; and Health.

8. Notwithstanding these achievements, we remain cognizant of persistent challenges, including gender-based violence, violence against children, unemployment, income inequality, and poverty. Addressing these challenges remains a national priority.

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Recommendations	*Position of Namibia*
140.10	Noted
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9. Namibia reaffirms its commitment to fulfilling its obligations under international human rights instruments. Further, the Namibian Government remains resolute in implementing all supported recommendations and to continue taking meaningful steps to continue aligning its legal framework with international human rights standards. The Namibian Government thanks all delegations for their constructive engagement during the review.

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