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Madam President,

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and its member church the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia, and our local partners and rights-holders in Namibia would like to commend the Government of Namibia for its constructive engagement with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism during this third cycle review.

We call upon the Government of Namibia to continue working closely with all national and local stakeholders in the implementation of all the accepted recommendations in the working group report that will be adopted by the council at the end of this session to ensure tangible improvements in the human rights situation through the UPR mechanism.

We urge the Government to prioritize the implementation of accepted recommendations pertaining to

- The domestication of the international covenant on economic, social and cultural rights;
- Improvement of social protection, inequality, poverty and unemployment;
- Access to adequate housing;
- Land reform and redistribution processes;
- Rights of indigenous peoples;
- Sexual and gender-based violence; and public participation.

We also call on the international community to avail necessary technical and material support to Namibia to realize these rights.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the Government and all relevant stakeholders to ensure the swift implementation of the accepted recommendations.

I thank you Madam President.