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ZIMBABWE STATEMENT TO THE 13TH SESSION OF THE UPR – ECUADOR

Thank you Madam Chair

Zimbabwe notes with satisfaction that Ecuador has once again, demonstrated its total commitment to the protection and promotion of all fundamental human rights as reflected in its national report. Zimbabwe commends Ecuador for living up to its promise to follow-up on the recommendations made during the first review cycle.

The Republic of Ecuador has gone to great lengths to promote the welfare of its people by giving high priority to the fight against poverty, provision of clean drinking water, ensuring food security, promoting a healthy environment, quality education as well as housing to name but a few.

Human rights-based approaches now cover prison reform, improvement of the conditions of detainees and follow-up mechanisms, training for the police, eradication of gender-based violence, judicial service reform and combating trafficking in persons.

Zimbabwe will no doubt learn from Ecuador's successes, best practices, challenges and limitations in advancing identified priority groups. Your achievements for the period 2008-2012 are a source of inspiration to us.

Zimbabwe recommends that Ecuador continues to consolidate its economic and social programmes for the betterment of its people and the full realisation of their human rights.