

Human Rights Council
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Review of the Republic of Zambia
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Intervention by Ukraine

Madame President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Zambia led by H.E. Mr. MUSA Mwenye, Solicitor General and thanks for presentation of the national report reflecting efforts taken by the Government of Zambia to implement recommendations of the first cycle of the UPR.

We note with satisfaction progress achieved since last review in promotion and protection of human rights, including through the constitutional reform aimed at further strengthening democracy, the rule of law and enjoyment of social, economic, cultural, religious and environmental rights with particular attention to the rights of the child, persons with disabilities, women and other vulnerable sectors of the community.

Recognizing threats of HIV/AIDS epidemic spread and commending Zambia's response to this challenge, we would like to encourage the Government of Zambia to further strengthen efforts for effective implementation of strategies aimed at combating the epidemic spread.

Finally, Mme President, with regard to the right to life, Ukraine recommends the Republic of Zambia to restrict the application and to consider the possibility of abolition of the death penalty.

Thank you, Madame President.