



**ZAMBIA'S STATEMENT DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF
CHINA – 22ND OCTOBER, 2013.**

Thank Mr. President,

Zambia welcomes Ambassador Wu Hailong and his delegation. Notes with satisfaction the comprehensive report presented and commends China for giving effect to some of the recommendations made during its first Cycle.

The institutional safeguards such as judicial reforms, human rights education as well as positive responses to ensure achievement of practices that promote and protect economic, social and cultural rights, are commended. We note specifically the raising of the standard of living for the citizenry, the establishment of policies that have broadened and stabilised employment for the workers including the Migrants and its legal framework for protecting right of workers.

That not withstanding, Zambia notes that more could be achieved within the sphere of comprehensive legislative and administrative reforms and therefore recommends that China considers ratifying the International Convent on Civil and Political rights (ICCPR) and establishing of a National Human Rights Institution.

Lastly we implore China to continue the path of protecting human rights and its cooperation with the international community.

I thank you Mr. President