

ZAMBIA'S STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF SENEGAL – 21ST OCTOBER, 2013.

Mr. President,

Zambia welcomes the delegation of Senegal and commends it for its continued commitment to the UPR process. We commend the delegation for presenting an all-inclusive statement, outlining a series of positive activities undertaken, during the period under review, in promoting and protecting human rights.

Zambian notes the positive steps, Senegal has taken regarding legislative and institutional framework and commends it in particular for enacting the Social Policy Orientation Act of July 2010 on the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities; the strengthening of the Senegalese Human Rights Committee, as well as its efforts to

combat Trafficking in persons especially women and children by establishing a multi-sectoral unit in 2010, to coordinate and implement the national action plan for the period 2012-2013 to protect and assist in the recovery and reintegration of victims trafficking. Senegal is also commended for its efforts to combat all forms of violence against women in particular female genital mutilation and the raising of awareness on the subject in the media and other avenues to prevent the prevalence of the scourge.

Zambia thus recommends that Senegal continues to provide educational and training facilities for persons with disabilities, double its efforts to reduce child labour and provide care for vulnerable children in schools and on the streets.

I Thank you Mr. President