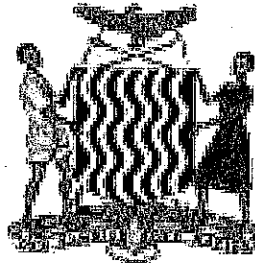


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ZAMBIA'S STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF COSTA RICA – 5TH MAY, 2014

Thank you Mr. President,

Zambia welcomes the delegation of Costa Rica and commends it for its detailed Statement outlining the achievements made since the last review in 2009. The cooperation demonstrated with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights through submission of reports in 2010 and 2012 on the achievements made in promoting and protecting the human rights is clear testimony of Costa Rica's continued commitment to the UPR process for which should highly be commended.

The establishment and maintenance of the institutional bodies to combat all forms of violence, trafficking in persons and sexual abuse especially of children, the existence of legislation (Migration and Aliens Act) and a comprehensive (migration) policy that recognises the role of migrants in national development, focusing on human rights of migrants, as well as

the establishment of a mechanism to follow-up and compliance with International Human Rights obligations are some but achievements worth noting.

Zambia notes Costa Rica's promotion of the rule of Law through ratification of some of the international instruments, the adoption of laws that have a direct bearing on the promotion and protection of human rights and the putting in place of an institutional policy on the right of access to justice for vulnerable people.

Zambia however believes that Costa Rica can achieve even more and recommends that Costa Rica may consider, in the area of administration of justice, the protection of Children and adolescents in juvenile detention centres. Harmonise requirements of legislations on migration to ensure that migrants have access to justice, education, health and safety regardless of their status.

In conclusion, Zambia wishes Costa Rica success during its second Universal Periodic Review.

I thank you