



**ZAMBIA'S STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW
OF MOZAMBIQUE 19TH JANUARY, 2016**

Thank you Mr. President,

The Zambian delegation welcomes the Mozambique's delegation and commends H.E Mr. Abdurremane Lino De Almeida, Minister of Justice, Constitutional and Religious Affairs for his presentation of his country's report on promoting and protecting human rights issues. The report clearly demonstrates the Republic of Mozambique's continued commitment to the UPR process.

Zambia commends the government of Mozambique for having implemented some of the 161 recommendations which the government accepted out of the 169 under the February, 2011 UPR process. Zambia, however notes that despite the positive steps Mozambique has made in promoting and protecting human rights, a few challenges still remain such as inability by prisoners to hire their own

lawyers and the overcrowding in prisons, the need for financial assistance to meet its international obligations concerning human rights instruments among others.

Zambia therefore, recommends that Mozambique steps up its efforts in ensuring that the above stated issues are attended to and appeal to the Human Rights council and the international community to render both financial and technical assistance to help the government of Mozambique meet its international obligations.

I Thank you Mr. President.