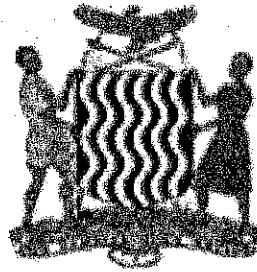


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**ZAMBIA'S STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF UNIVERSAL
PERIODIC REVIEW OF SEYCHELLES – 25TH JANUARY, 2016**

Thank you Mr. President,

The Zambian delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Seychelles to the second UPR Cycle and commends the positive strides Seychelles has taken in promoting and protecting human rights such as appointing of women in significant decision making positions, setting up efforts towards preventing and eliminating all forms violence against women among others,

Zambia, however notes that Seychelles could do better in areas relating to right to life, liberty and security of person, in particular, the power by the police to detain a person for up to 24 hours and release him or her without a charge, the lack of legal provisions to specifically criminalise domestic violence and marital rape, the high prevalence of sexual exploitation of both

boys and girls and the incidence of child sex tourism inter alia, child prostitution and child labour.

It is in this regard that the Zambian delegation recommends that the delegation of Seychelles considers the following: -

1. The need for police officers to undergo compulsory training in the field of human rights;
2. To criminalise domestic violence against women and children, including marital rape and to ensure that such acts are tried by Criminal courts as opposed to a family tribunal; and
3. To criminalise the act of exploiting both boys and girls and the incidence of child tourism as well as prosecuting the perpetrators in travel and tourism industry by impose stiffer punishments on them.

The Zambian delegation while wishing Seychelles success in their effort to comply with their international obligation would urge the delegation to give effect to the many of others and our recommendations.

I thank you Mr. President