

**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE UPR OF THE UNITED  
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA: 9 MAY 2016**

Mr President,

We welcome the Tanzanian delegation and applaud the country's efforts towards promoting and protecting the human rights of its people.

The adoption of the National Human Rights Action Plan has provided an overarching framework for the promotion and protection of human rights in Tanzania as well as for the implementation of the 1st Cycle UPR recommendations. In addition, the capacity of the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance has been enhanced with an electronic system for receiving complaints.

Tanzania has instituted a series of measures to enhance women's rights, including increasing women's participation in decision making positions and developing a roadmap for raising awareness on gender based violence and female genital mutilation. For instance, in 2005 there were 62 women Members of Parliament, while in 2015 the number had risen to 127. The Government also conducts awareness campaigns on the issue of non-discrimination of people with albinism.

Tanzania has adopted a series of sectoral development strategies and policies such as the National Anti-Trafficking in Persons Action Plan (2015-2017), the National Plan of Action for Elimination of Child Labour (2009-2015), the Action Plan to Accelerate Reduction of Infant Mortality, the National Agriculture Policy and the National Irrigation Policy. The Government has also abolished school fees in all Government schools.

In terms of recommendations, Tanzania is urged to accelerate on-going efforts to ensure access to clean and safe water, and to healthcare, countrywide.

Thank you, Mr President.