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Review of Zimbabwe

Statement by Armenia

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Zimbabwe and thanks for the presentation of the National Report. We appreciate the efforts undertaken to implement the recommendations of Zimbabwe’s first review and that those efforts were conducted in cooperation with various stakeholders, including the civil society.

We welcome the steps directed towards human rights education and awareness raising, such as the inclusion of human rights training and awareness raising as a core element in the syllabus of the law enforcement agencies. We also appreciate the measures undertaken to promote the right to education, however, we note that there still remain a number of challenges faced in the field, particularly relating to access to education. We are concerned about the high number of girls suffering sexual abuse and harassment on the way to or from school, as well as in school.

We have two recommendations for Zimbabwe:

1. To ratify the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity, and
2. To promote the right to education, inter alia, through combating challenges of access to schools.