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Statement by Pakistan for UPR of Zimbabwe

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Mr. President

We like to thank the delegation of Zimbabwe for presentation of their national report.

My delegation takes note with appreciation of the progress made by Zimbabwe in follow up to the first cycle of UPR that includes acceptance of 130 out of 177 recommendations, their implementation and follow up. The adoption of a new Constitution with Declaration of Rights to strengthen the institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights is a positive development. We also welcome Zimbabwe government´s decision to establish new institutions or strengthen the existing national mechanisms to protect and promote human rights.

My delegation also appreciates the launch of the Zimbabwe Agenda for Sustainable Socio –Economic Transformation (Zim-ASSET) for the period October 2013 to December 2018, to revive the economy and achieve sustainable economic development. In this regard we also note the measures taken by the government to promote the rights of children, women, and persons with disabilities. Increased participation of women and persons with disabilities in socio-economic spheres is commendable.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to recommend:

1. Zimbabwe may continue to ensure the implementation of ratified human rights treaties;
2. To continue to implement policies for development of its people under SDGs including measures taken for equal opportunities for women´s participation in economic development of the country.

We, once again, thank the delegation of Zimbabwe for a comprehensive presentation of the National Report on UPR and wish them successful review.

I thank you.