

**ZAMBIA’S STATEMENT DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF CAMBODIA**

**8th MAY 2024**

**Mr. President,**

We warmly welcome the delegation of Cambodia to the fourth cycle of the UPR. We congratulate them for the presentation of their national report.

We commend Cambodia for the efforts made in accelerating governance reform, modernisation of state institutions and sustainable economic development.

Zambia wishes to recommend the following to the delegation of Cambodia:

1. Strengthen the independence and accountability of the Anti-Corruption Unit and establish the whistle-blower regime with adequate protection for whistle-blowers, in line with international best practice;
2. Improve conditions of detention in compliance with the Nelson Mandela Rules, particularly with respect to air-quality standards, access to water, and access to electricity;
3. Establish an independent broadcasting authority, setting clear rules for allocating and revoking broadcasting licenses, in line with international human rights standards;

As we conclude, we wish Cambodia a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.