

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

**3rd MAY 2024**

**Mr. President,**

We welcome the esteemed delegation of Comoros to the fourth cycle of the UPR and congratulate them for the presentation of their national report.

We commend Comoros for implementing the majority of the recommendations it received during its 3rd UPR Cycle.

Zambia recommends the following:

1. Adopt a law on legal aid in criminal proceedings to promote access to justice for marginalized defendants
2. Strengthen the mechanism to prevent violence against women and intensify efforts to raise awareness of legal remedies available to female victims
3. Amend the law on the rights of persons with disabilities to align it with international law.

In conclusion, we wish Comoros a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.