

**ZAMBIA’S STATEMENT DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**7th MAY 2024**

**Mr. President,**

Zambia warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Dominican Republic to the Fourth cycle of the UPR. We thank them for the presentation of their national report and update.

We congratulate the Dominican Republic for increasing the budgetary allocation to the National Council for Children and Adolescents by 87.3% in 2023.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Zambia wishes to recommend the following for consideration by the delegation of Dominican Republic:

1. Adopt anti-smuggling and anti-trafficking laws, and implement the National Action Plan against Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants for 2022–2024;
2. Strengthen the role of the Ombudsman to promote and defend human rights regardless of gender, nationality, or belief;
3. implement migration policies based on respect for the human rights of migrants of Haitian origin without discrimination, with particular attention to minor victims.

We wish Dominican Republic a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.