

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

**6TH MAY 2024**

**Mr. President,**

Zambia warmly welcomes the delegation of Eritrea to the fourth cycle of the UPR and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

We commend Eritrea on the accession and ratification of a number of international instruments since its 3rd UPR Cycle, including the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention.

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

1. Establish an independent national human rights institution in compliance with the Paris Principles;
2. Ensure the full independence and impartiality of the judiciary and that the jurisdiction of military courts is limited to military personnel;
3. Promote the realisation of the right to education by ensuring that school-age children are not conscripted into the military.

We wish Eritrea a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.