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**Mr. President,**

Zimbabwe warmly welcomes the delegation of the Slovak Republic to the 4th cycle of the UPR and congratulate them on the presentation of their national report.

We commend progress in human rights protection in Slovakia and applaud the Government’s approval of various strategies and action plans to this end, including strategies aimed at countering radicalisation and extremism and improving the rights of women and children.

In the spirit of co-operation, my delegation proffers the following recommendations for consideration:

* Strengthen efforts to achieve inclusive education and ensure the non-discrimination of minorities and children with disabilities.
* Implement measures to improve the participation of ethnic minorities in the labour market.
* Continue to provide regular training to civil servants, judges, magistrates and law enforcement officers to ensure the effective implementation of relevant national legislation on racial discrimination, and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

We wish Slovakia every success in its review process.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**