

**ZAMBIA’S STATEMENT DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF COSTA RICA**

**11th NOVEMBER 2024**

**Mr. President,**

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

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

1. Strengthen measures aimed at eradicating xenophobic attacks and other hate crimes against immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees;
2. Ensure sufficient resources for the systematic implementation of public policies and programmes providing for children’s rights, particularly at the municipal level.

We applaud Costa Rica for the progress made since its last review, including achieving equal representation in the Legislative Assembly.

We wish Costa Rica a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.