

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

**4TH NOVEMBER 2024**

**Mr. President,**

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

We commend Norway on its efforts to actualise the social and economic rights of its people, in particular the amendment of the Children’s Act to strengthen the legal protection for children.

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

1. Strengthen measures to address racial profiling, hate speech and barriers to employment for people of African descent;
2. Increase efforts aimed at the prevention of gender-based violence against women and ensure that women leaving abusive marriages have sufficient support structures.

We wish Norway a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.