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**THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

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**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE**

**Mr. President,**

Zimbabwe welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the comprehensive national report. We commend the important steps that the country has taken towards upholding its human rights commitments as well as its dedication to improving human rights despite the unjustified unilateral coercive measures imposed on Iran.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we recommend to:

* Continue its efforts on improving the legal and institutional framework to ensure protection of human rights and access to justice by its citizens.
* Stay focussed on addressing issues related to the rights of women, children and the vulnerable communities.
* Continue working towards promoting development through access to education, healthcare and social protection.

We wish the Islamic Republic of Iran a successful review.

**I thank you**