**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRD CYCLE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE: 4 MAY 2021**

Thank you, Madam President,

Zimbabwe welcomes and thanks the delegation of Mozambique for their report.

During the period under review, impressive developments have taken place in Mozambique, including the following: the increase in women’s political participation in decision making at central and local levels; the introduction of human rights modules in the training curricula of members of the judiciary, police and prison services; adoption of the Gender Policy and Strategy to guarantee equal rights and opportunities for women and men, and the National Plan to Prevent and Combat Gender-Based Violence (2018 – 2021).

Regarding its international obligations, Mozambique was reviewed by the Committee on Migrant Workers and the Committee on the Rights of the Child. It also submitted its periodic report to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

My delegation recommends that Mozambique:

* Continues its efforts to combat gender inequalities, and child, forced and early marriages; and
* Accelerate the process of domestication of the provisions of the international human rights treaties to which it is a party.

I thank you, Madam President.