**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRD CYCLE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA: 3 MAY 2021**

Thank you, Madam President,

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

During the period under review, Namibia enacted human rights legislation such as the National Health Act to provide a framework for a structured uniform health system, and the Basic Education Act to, *inter alia*, promote and regulate free and compulsory basic education, as well as inclusive quality education and lifelong learning.

The country also adopted policies such as the National Gender Policy and Action Plan to ensure the integration and mainstreaming of gender in the broader development framework, and the National Agenda for Children (2018 – 2022) to ensure equal access to health, education and rehabilitation services for children with disabilities.

Regarding its international obligations, Namibia submitted a number of periodic reports to relevant UN Treaty Bodies.

My delegation recommends that Namibia:

* Adopts laws and policies designed to reduce poverty and improve the living standards of the vulnerable people; and
* Consider extending the human rights education and training programme to cover more categories of public service officials.

I thank you, Madam President.