**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE DURING THE THIRD CYCLE UPR OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI: 8 NOVEMBER 2021**

**Thank you, Madam President,**

Zimbabwe welcomes and thanks the delegation of Eswatini for its report.

It is noted that during the period under review, Eswatini enacted several pieces of legislation to enhance the protection of human rights, including the following:

* Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act 2018;
* Persons with Disabilities Act 2018; and
* Small Claims Court Act 2011 (as amended).

The country also undertook the following measures:

* Increased the number of health facilities to ensure universal and easy access to healthcare services;
* Developed an Education and Training Sector Policy to ensure that all learners, including those with special needs and disabilities, are able to access inclusive quality education; and
* Adopted a National Strategy and Action Plan to End Violence (2017-2022) which has been instrumental in programming for prevention, social and behavioural change.

We hereby recommend the following:

* Strengthen social protection floors catering for the vulnerable and marginalised groups in society; and
* Continue to implement the women driven economic empowerment initiatives within the auspices of the Strategic Roadmap 2019-2023.

**I thank you.**