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**Statement by Bangladesh in the UPR of Zimbabwe**

**26 January 2022, 09:00 – 12:30 hrs.**

Mr. President,

Bangladesh recognizes Zimbabwe’s efforts to improve its human rights situation since its last UPR. Zimbabwe’s vision to achieve an upper-middle-income society by 2030 is praiseworthy.

We note Zimbabwe’s challenges, including climate change, COVID-19 pandemic, HIV, capacity constraints and inadequate international support. We believe that the international community’s support and cooperation would help Zimbabwe further improve its human rights situation.

We recommend that Zimbabwe:

1. Strengthen measures to mitigate COVID-19 related challenges with support from the international community;
2. Continue efforts, including strengthening policy measures, to improve gender equality and women empowerment; and
3. Incorporate provisions of international human rights instruments, to which it is a Party, into its domestic legislation.

We wish Zimbabwe success in the review.

I thank you.

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