**Statement**

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**بسم الله الرحمن الرحیم**

**Mr. Vice-President,**

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes warmly the delegation of Zambia and thanks them for their insightful national report.

We appreciate the efforts and progress of Zambia to respect, promote and fulfill its human rights obligations in despite of challenges such as global economic crunch, financial constraints as well as the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, we welcome the implementation of its National Development Plan (2022-2026) which has incorporated activities intended to actualize its human rights standards.

In a spirit of constructive dialogue, we would like to offer the following recommendations to Zambia:

1. continue its efforts to support the family as the natural and basic unit of society and in conformity with its values and morals, as enshrined in its Constitution.
2. continue its efforts to implement the National Strategy on Financial Education to improve its population knowledge and skills for having secure positive financial outcomes for themselves and their families.

Finally, Iran wishes Zambia every success in its forth cycle of review.

I thank you Mr. Vice-President.