**National Statement, delivered by Third Secretary, Danyal Hasnain, during the 4th UPR Review of Zambia**

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Mr. Vice President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of Zambia and thank them for presentation of the 4th UPR report.

We welcome the continued cooperation of Zambia with the UN Special Procedures, UPR mechanism and other UN human rights mechanisms. We also welcome key measures taken by Zambia to further the human rights agenda, such as Formulation of the National Legal Aid and Policy, construction of gender-based violence fast track courts and the enactment of Children’s Code Act 2022.

We have the following recommendations:

* Further reinforce measures for enhancement of people’s right to work and to just and favourable conditions of work, especially for the most vulnerable groups;
* Continue strengthening efforts to broaden access to education in accordance with the Education for All National Policy; and
* Take further measures for safeguarding the rights of disabled persons.

We wish Zambia a successful UPR.

I thank you!