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**Mr. President,**

Zimbabwe welcomes the esteemed delegation of the United Arab Emirates and commend them for the presentation of their 4th UPR report.

We congratulate the United Arab Emirates on the progress made to address the recommendations from the last review, including the adoption of a range of national laws and legislation, policies and strategies aimed at promoting and protecting human rights. We note the significant steps taken towards the empowerment and advancement of women; promotion of gender balance, including in education and employment; and protection of the rights of children and persons with disabilities.

Zimbabwe recommends the following for consideration:

Intensify efforts towards the development and finalisation of a national human rights plan to provide impetus to and consolidate the ongoing work to promote the rights of the Emirati people.

We wish the United Arab Emirates a successful review.

**I thank you, Mr. President**