

**ZAMBIA’S STATEMENT DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF FRANCE**

**1st MAY 2023**

**Mr. President,**

Zambia warmly welcomes the delegation of France to the Fourth cycle of the UPR and thanks them for the presentation of their national report and update.

In the spirit of a constructive engagement, Zambia wishes to recommend the following for consideration by the delegation of France:

1. exercise strict judicial oversight of the application of measures adopted during states of emergency and taking the necessary steps to ensure that emergency measures remain limited in time.
2. ensure access to a safe, dedicated shelter for migrant women and girls; guaranteeing their access to rights, justice and information.
3. implement measures to combat systemic discrimination and stronger measures to combat the normalisation of racist and xenophobic comments including those made online.

We wish to conclude by wishing France a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.