

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

**2nd MAY 2023**

**Mr. President,**

Zambia warmly welcomes the delegation of Mali 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 Mali:

1. Implement the decree on the protection of persons with disabilities and the effective protection of persons with albinism.
2. Guarantee freedom of the press and media pluralism.
3. Increase the budget on education, improving access and quality of education for all and increasing the enrolment rate to primary schools.

We wish to conclude by wishing Mali a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.