

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

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**Mr. President,**

Zambia warmly welcomes the delegation of Bahamas 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 Bahamas:

1. Establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris principles.
2. Ensure that all defendants have access to adequate legal counsel on arrest and throughout all subsequent criminal proceedings.
3. Develop inclusive climate action and disaster relief plans and prioritise the establishment of early warning mechanisms and preparedness activities.

We wish to conclude by wishing Bahamas a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.