

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

**4th MAY 2023**

**Mr. President,**

Zambia warmly welcomes the delegation of Burundi 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 Burundi:

1. an absolute ban on the employment of children below the minimum age established by the Labour Code.
2. amend the law on victim protection and prevention and punishment of gender-based violence and harmonise it with the Penal Code.
3. increase the budget allocation to education, building school infrastructure and providing schools with sufficient material and human resources.

We wish to conclude by wishing Burundi a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.