

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

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**Mr. President,**

Zambia warmly welcomes the delegation of Israel 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 Israel:

1. Enhance efforts to establish an independent human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles.
2. Promote legislation on content accessibility as well as physical accessibility, making services accessible to people with disabilities.
3. Introduce national insurance and national healthcare payments and ensure that their corresponding benefits are granted to all adults irrespective of gender or marital status.

We wish to conclude by wishing Israel a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.