**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS: 7 NOVEMBER 2018**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Zimbabwe welcomes and thanks the Mauritian delegation for their report. Mauritius deserves to be commended for submitting a midterm report in May 2016.

During the period under review, a Ministry dedicated to human rights issues was created and under it, a National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow Up was set up. In addition, new pieces of legislation were enacted to better guarantee the protection of human rights.

The Government has introduced human rights education at primary, secondary and tertiary levels, while human rights awareness, training and sensitization are being provided to public service officials.

My delegation recommends that Mauritius:

* Rolls out its social empowerment programmes countrywide in order to further improve the living standards of all its citizens; and
* Strengthens protection against gender based discriminatory practices.

I thank you, Mr. President.