**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE UNION OF THE COMOROS: 25 JANUARY 2019**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Zimbabwe welcomes and thanks the delegation of the Comoros for their report. During the period under review, the Comoros introduced the Strategy for Accelerated Growth and Sustainable Development 2018-2021, under which the following goals are being pursued: promoting health and nutrition; expanding education provision and improving the quality of education; promoting decent work, social protection and promoting access to water and sanitation.

My delegation recommends that the Comoros:

* Strengthens the protection of the rights of vulnerable groups such as women, children and persons with disabilities; and
* Streamline existing training courses to raise awareness of human rights among public officials and the population at large.

I thank you, Mr. President.