**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 3RD CYCLE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF KOREA: 9 MAY 2019**

Thank you, Mr President,

My delegation welcomes and thanks the delegation of the DPRK for their report.

During the reporting period, the DPRK worked to enact and amend human rights related laws. For instance, new laws were enacted on vocational education, dissemination of science and technology, disaster prevention, relief and recovery and welfare service, while laws on higher education, environmental protection, prevention of epidemics and foodstuff hygiene were amended.

A National Committee for the Implementation of the International Human Rights Treaties to which the DPRK is a party was formed. The Committee also prepares State Party reports to the various Treaty Bodies.

In addition, the country is working on implementing the 5-year Strategy for National Economic Development (2016-2020), which is designed to bring further progress in the enjoyment of the citizens’ economic, social and cultural rights, as well as their livelihoods, in particular.

My delegation recommends that the DPRK:

* Expands the measures designed to uplift the well-being of women, children, persons with disabilities and elderly people; and
* Work on harmonising national legislation with the provisions of international human rights treaties.

I thank you, Mr President.