**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 3RD CYCLE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA: 23 JANUARY 2020**

Thank you, Mr President,

Zimbabwe welcomes and thanks the Kenyan delegation for their report.

During the review period, Kenya adopted the “Big Four” Agenda, which is the country’s development plan (2018-2022). The “Big Four” Agenda priorities are: food security, manufacturing (mainly focusing on job creation in this area), affordable universal healthcare and affordable housing.

The country has introduced a number of targeted policies, such as the National Plan of Action for Children (2015-2022) and the Mental Health Policy (2015-2030).

Kenya has also continued to fulfil its obligations under the various international Treaties to which it is a party.

My delegation recommends that Kenya:

* Strengthens and expand existing policies and resources aimed at alleviating poverty; and
* Streamline the ongoing programmes aimed at eliminating sexual and gender-based violence and female genital mutilation.

I thank you, Mr President.