**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 3RD CYCLE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT: 29 JANUARY 2020**

Thank you, Mr President,

Zimbabwe welcomes and thanks the delegation of Kuwait for their report.

During the period under review, Kuwait put in place various policies and strategies aimed at promoting and protecting the human rights of its citizens.

The country also cooperated with the UN human rights mechanisms as exemplified by the fact that it has submitted a sizeable number of periodic reports to human rights instruments to which it is a party and hosted a number of Special Procedures mandate holders.

My delegation recommends that Kuwait:

* Improves the monitoring of the implementation of UPR recommendations through well-established and exhaustive mechanisms; and
* Further integrate a human rights-based approach in the various national development processes.

I thank you, Mr President.