**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 3RD CYCLE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO: 22 JANUARY 2020**

Thank you, Mr President,

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

During the period under review, Lesotho launched the 2nd National Strategic Development Plan (2019-2023), whose main objective is to address challenges in the cross-cutting areas such as poverty, gender, HIV/AIDS, disabilities, children and youth, climate change, environment and governance.

Also, of note is the commencement of Constitutional reforms with a view to ensuring long-term political stability and economic transformation in the country.

My delegation recommends that Lesotho:

* Implements recommendations emanating from the Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and finalize the draft Action Plan in this regard; and
* Submit outstanding State Party reports to the international human rights instruments to which it is a party.

I thank you, Mr President.