**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 3RD CYCLE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA: 2 NOVEMBER 2020**

Thank you, Madam President,

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

During the period under review, Liberia established the Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Units within the Women and Children Protection Section of the Liberia National Police. It also adopted the Decent Work Act and the 2011-2021 National Health and Social Welfare Plan.

In fulfilment of its international obligations, Liberia hosted the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the rights to freedom of opinion and expression and a delegation from the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture. The country also submitted reports to various Treaty Bodies.

My delegation recommends that Liberia:

* Expands the existing public awareness campaigns against FGM and other harmful traditional practices to all the country’s counties; and
* Accelerate the process of ratification of the human rights treaties that it has signed.

I thank you, Madam President.