**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 3RD CYCLE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBYA: 11 NOVEMBER 2020**

Thank you, Madam President,

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

Since its 2nd cycle UPR in 2015, Libya has adopted a package of economic reforms with a view to securing a decent life and an adequate standard of living for its citizens. In this regard, the Government has continued to implement its policies of education for all at all levels and free healthcare services, respectively.

Libya is one of the countries that has suffered most as a result of irregular migration. In this context, the Government has set up an agency with the aim of eliminating smuggling networks, protect migrants and control its borders.

My delegation recommends that Libya:

* Strengthens efforts to eliminate violence against women by expanding the ongoing public awareness programmes countrywide; and
* Streamline empowerment programmes for women in the economic and political fields.

I thank you, Madam President.