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Madam President,

The Lutheran World Federation and its member church the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Zimbabwe, and our local partners and rights-holders would like to commend the Government of Zimbabwe for its constructive engagement with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism during this third cycle review.¹

We call upon the Government of Zimbabwe to continue working closely with all national and local stakeholders in the implementation of all the accepted recommendations in the working group report that will be adopted by the council at the end of this session to ensure tangible improvements in the human rights situation through the UPR mechanism.

We urge the Government to prioritize the implementation of accepted recommendations pertaining to

- Improvement of the right to quality education and total recognition and full support to both teachers and learners;
- Right to health;
- Combating sexual and gender based and domestic violence against women and girls;
- Right to social protection and security;
- Rights of persons with disabilities and the elderly;

¹ The Lutheran World Federation is a global communion of 148 churches in the Lutheran tradition, representing over 75 million Christians in 99 countries. The LWF acts on behalf of its member churches in areas of ecumenical and interfaith relations, theology, human rights, ecological justice, humanitarian assistance, communication and the various aspects of mission and development.

- Right to clean drinking water and sanitation; and
- Human rights and the environment.

We also call on the international community to avail necessary technical and material support to Zimbabwe to realize these rights.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the Government and all relevant stakeholders to ensure the swift implementation of the accepted recommendations.

I thank you Madam President.