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STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW FOR THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC - 7TH OCTOBER 2011

Madam President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic.

We welcome the national report of Syria which we are well aware was prepared under very challenging circumstances.

However, the presentation of the report and the presence here of such a high ranking delegation from Syria speaks volumes of the commitment of the Government of Syria to promote and protect human rights as well as to abide by its international obligations in spite of the current foreign interference.

Madam President,

We note in the report Syria's achievements, best practices, challenges and constraints. We are particularly encouraged by the efforts of the Government of Syria to promote dialogue and reconciliation among its people. *we support the* ~~We are~~ convinced that it is the Syrian people and none other who can resolve their own challenges.

~~We are confident Syria will overcome.~~

The imposition of sanctions ^{on Syria} by certain countries in the name of regime change violates the fundamental Human Rights of the Syrian people and impact negatively on the establishment of peace in Syria ~~that country~~. *Zimbabwe calls for an end to foreign interference in Sy* Zimbabwe ~~therefore~~ ^{and} recommends the immediate removal of ~~these~~ coercive measures.

We wish Syria well *and we believe Syria will* ~~govern~~.

I thank you.

