Response of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the Activity Report of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa, Commissioner Hatem Essaïem

Standing on existing Protocol Madame Chair, we note the comments made by Commissioner Hatem Essaïem, and appreciate the good work that is being done.

On what is indicated regarding Zimbabwe in paragraph 55 of the Report, I want to state the following;

1) To recall the pledge made at the highest level by His Excellency President E.D. Mnangagwa to investigate and establish the veracity of the allegations made and to bring the alleged perpetrators to account, if evidence is provided.

Madame Chair,

2) The report by the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission was compiled and a definitive pronouncement made prematurely before the completion of investigations. In that regard, the Government is still fully engaging with the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission to get to the bottom of the matter and define the way forward. The Government looks forward to further engagement with the Commission in this and other matters, during the forthcoming visit to Zimbabwe by Commissioner Jamesina King and her delegation.

I THANK YOU