



Pledge submitted by Zambia to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: Enact legislation on access to information. Access to Information Bill No. 24 of 2023 is before the National Assembly for possible enactment. It is anticipated that successful completion of the Bill shall be during the first quarter of 2024 during the legislative meeting of the National Assembly of Zambia.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Mar 31, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: Ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Right, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. The process of ratification of the Protocol has commenced and is being reviewed in accordance with the Ratification of International Agreements Act No. 34 of 2016. The Protocol is relevant in view of the recent abolition of the death penalty. Outcome is formal accession to the Protocol by the Republic of Zambia with the relevant treaty bodies by first quarter 2024.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Mar 31, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: Strengthening the National Mechanism for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up so as to adequately report and implement recommendations received from various human rights treaty bodies to which Zambia is a State party. Expected output is timely preparation and submission of reports in line with human rights treaties by fourth quarter 2026. By fourth quarter 2024, review the National Policy on the Environment to enhance the promotion of sustainable use of the environment and natural resources in line with Sustainable Development Goals 13 and 15.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2024