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BACKGROUND TO THE BRIEF

Brief to Zambia's Initial Report on the Implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (Reporting period: 2008 – 2017)

Presented to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

by

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The children's rights clinic of the Master's programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA) of the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, has prepared a brief to Zambia's Initial Report on the Implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. The document has been submitted to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (the African Children's Committee) during its 31st Ordinary Session, which is currently taking place in Bamako, Mali, from 24 April to 4 May 2018.

Part of the work of the African Children's Committee is the consideration of State party reports, followed by the issuance of recommendations or concluding observations. Zambia's Initial Report on the Implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child is expected to be considered in the next session of the African Children's Committee. However, civil society in Zambia is expected to present its alternative report during the current session in Mali. It is in this context that the Centre for Human Rights decided to prepare a brief, in which it identifies areas of concern related to children's rights in the State party under consideration.

This initiative forms part of a long lasting collaborative relationship between the African Children's Committee and the Centre for Human Rights. During the last session of the African Children's Committee, which took place in Khartoum, Sudan in December 2017, the Centre for Human Rights was granted observer status by the African Children's Committee. The Centre for Human Rights supports the work of the African Children's Committee through research, advocacy and capacity building initiatives.

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