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**Statement by the Staff Representative on Zimbabwe
Executive Board Meeting
March 21, 2022**

1. The Zimbabwe CPI inflation rose to 66.1 percent (y/y) in February 2022 (from 60.7 percent and 60.6 percent in December 2021 and January 2022, respectively), reflecting the hike in imported food and energy prices amidst continued currency depreciation.
2. Earlier this month, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Plenary decided to remove Zimbabwe from the FATFs list of jurisdictions under increased monitoring (also known as the gray list). The FATF recognized Zimbabwe's significant progress in strengthening the effectiveness of its AML/CFT regime and addressing related technical deficiencies to meet the commitments in its action plan regarding the strategic deficiencies that the FATF identified in October 2019. The FATF has requested Zimbabwe and the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) to continue to cooperate to improve further Zimbabwe's AML/CFT system, including by ensuring its oversight of Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs) is risk-based and in line with the FATF Standards.
3. The thrust of the staff appraisal remains unchanged.