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**Statement by Mr. Miguel Tungadza, Second Secretary**

**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL - UPR OF INDIA  
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Thank you Madame President for giving me the floor,

Allow me to join previous speakers in welcoming the Honourable Attorney General Goolam Vahanvati, and his delegations to the UPR. I would also like to thank him for the excellent presentation of his country report on Human Rights which highlights major achievements in this field.

India's commitment to Human Rights is visible as progress can be identified in the promotion of political, economic, social and cultural rights. Among this achievements the promotion of gender equality, the Rights of Children, the Rights of the Elderly, the Rights of Persons with Disability, the Right to Health and to Education stand out as the most important accomplishments.

Under the Right of the Children India adopted a multi-pronged strategy for the discouragement and eradication of child labour. The progress on the status of Women and on gender equality is remarkable as the result of the application of several laws enacted by the Indian Parliament.

Issues related to minorities in India are of major concern to the extent that the Government has created the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

The holistic approach to Human Rights adopted by India has led the country to expand the scope of the rights and focus on the promotion and protection of a sound environment and in this context India established the National Green Tribunal.

Mozambique commends India for the Right of Children to Free Educations Act in force since 2010. We note with satisfaction the drop in infant mortality rate from 58% to 47% in a span of time of five years.

Mozambique encourages India to conclude its efforts for the domestication of the United Nations convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD).

We praise India for signing the Convention for Protection of all Personas from Enforced Disappearance and we wish to encourage India to carry on with its intention to ratify it.

I Thank you.