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Statement

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Thank you Mr President for giving me the floor,

Mozambique would like to join previous speaker in welcoming H. E. Jose Carlos Lopes Correia, Minister of Justice, who is amongst us in his capacity as the head of his country's delegation to the Second Universal Periodic Review.

We wish to congratulate Cape Vert for the submission of its second comprehensive and insightful report which portrays a faithful picture of the Government's efforts in upholding the values of Human Rights and fundamental freedoms.

Cape Vert is a country with which Mozambique share common history and cultural heritage. Both Countries are African countries that are members of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP), the Organization through which they have been cooperating in many fields, particularly in the sphere of Human Rights Protection.

In this framework, it is worth mentioning that in October 2012, Cape Vert hosted an important seminar meeting on the establishment of National Human Rights Institutions in the Members States of the CPLP, in accordance with the Paris Declaration Principles.

Mr President, Todate, Cape Vert regionally has ratified the main African Human Rights Legal Instruments. Furthermore, Cape Vert ratified 8 out of 9 core United Nations Human Rights Treaties.

During the period since its 1st Universal Periodic Review in 2009, Cape Vert has continued to demonstrate increased willingness and commitment to the enhancement of the enjoyment of Human Rights by its people, especially, in the domain of the Rights of the Child, education and health, gender equality, and the right of the people living with disability.

We ought to be mindful that the Cape Verdean Government had to fulfil its obligations in this domain under difficult circumstances imposed by the impact of the International Economic and Financial Crisis.

Cape Verde had shown strong political will, therefore, deserve our support, and merit the assistance from the international community for the implementation of Human Rights National Programs.

Mozambique wishes to encourage Cape Vert to finalise the necessary processes leading to its accession to UNESCO Convention Against Discrimination in Education, as stated in the report. I Thank you Mr. President!