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**Statement by Mr. Elias Jaime Zimba, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent
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17th Session of the Universal Periodic Review of China**

Thank Mr. President for giving me the floor,

At the outset, I would like to warmly welcome the Delegation of China to the country's second Universal Period Review.

Mozambique would like to congratulate China for a comprehensive and well-crafted Report that captures, in the most objective way, the actions of the Government in the furtherance of the enjoyment of Human Rights since the country's first Universal Periodic Review.

My country wishes to praise China for her achievements in the domain of the right to education and health, gender equality, Rights of the Child and Cultural Rights.

The extraordinary economic performance of China has allowed the country to expand the enjoyment of economic and social rights, particularly the right to work and to adequate housing.

It is commendable the fact that the Chinese Government in 2011 raised the national poverty line to 2,300 yuan per person, per year, on average, covering 122,380,000 recipients.

Mozambique wishes to present the following recommendations:

1. To continue to increase the investment in poverty alleviation and gradually raise the standards for poverty alleviation, and thereby reduce the number of impoverished population.
2. Ensure the safety of drinking water by promoting the construction of a monitoring network for the safety of drinking water.

I thank you!

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