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**Statement by Mr. Elias Jaime Zimba, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent
Mission of Mozambique to the United Nations
17th Session of the Universal Periodic Review of Nigeria**

I thank you Madam President,

Mozambique would like to extend the warmest welcome to H. E. Minister of Justice of Nigeria and his delegation to the UPR.

We are pleased to see Nigeria presenting a National Report on Human Rights that overtly reflects the country's achievements in the promotion and upholding of the values of Human Rights and fundamental freedoms, ~~SINCE ITS 1ST UPR.~~

Mozambique commends Nigeria for having acceded to several human rights international instruments, particularly the convention on the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention on the Protection of all Persons with Disabilities ~~FROM ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE.~~

~~Mozambique would like to encourage Nigeria to continue with its commitment to~~
MY DELEGATION PRAISES NIGERIA FOR THE EFFORTS TAKEN TO
STRENGTHEN NATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK, INCLUDING THE
STRENGTHENING OF HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS.

WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO NIGERIA FOR
ITS STATED COMMITMENT TO ENSURE THE RESPECT OF HUMAN
RIGHTS FOR ALL IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE, CLASS, DISABILITY
OR GENDER.

MOZAMBIQUE ENCOURAGES NIGERIA TO CONTINUE WITH ITS
COMMITMENT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE
FORUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

I thank you
LIKEWISE ENCOURAGES NIGERIA TO CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT THE
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NIGERIA'S VISION 20:2020 CONTAINING HUMAN RIGHTS
TARGETS AND BENCHMARKS.

I THANK YOU