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**Statement on the Union of Comoros by Mr. Elias Jaime Zimba, Minister  
Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Mozambique to the United Nations at the  
18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Universal Periodic Review**

Thank you, Mr. President, for giving me the floor.

On behalf of Mozambique I wish to congratulate you upon your election as the President of the Human Rights Council.

I would like to thank the delegation of the Union of Comoros for the submission of the comprehensive report to their country's second Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

I would, also, like to underline the fact that the report at hand reflects the activities undertaken in the implementation of the previous UPR recommendations, amid a protracted political instability that the country went through.

In this Context, the establishment of the Human Rights Delegation as well as the submission of the combined report for 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010, on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, are commendable.

I would like to appeal to the International Community to assist the Union of Comoros, to overcome its institutional, technical and financial challenges. We believe that such assistance is vital for the Union of Comoros to ensure further progresses in the implementation of the recommendations of the previous review of the UPR.

Mozambique would like to recommend the Union of Comoros to endeavor to implement the remaining recommendations of the previous UPR review.

I thank you for your kind attention

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