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**Statement by Mr. Elias Jaime Zimba, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent
Mission of Mozambique to the United Nations at the 18th Session of the
Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review on Viet Nam**

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

At the outset, I would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Vietnam to its second cycle of Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Mozambique commends Viet Nam for the expounded report, which objectively reflects the efforts the country has been deploying in the recommendations from the previous UPR.

In this context, it is worth noting that since 2009, the country has been improving its laws with a view to strengthen the legal foundations for the promotion and protection of the enjoyment of Human Rights.

My country praises Viet Nam for mainstreaming Human Rights through introducing human rights subjects in school curricula, including training workshops on Human Rights for Police forces dealing with Human Rights.

In the realm of economic, social and cultural rights, Mozambique notes with appreciation that Vietnam has achieved, well in advance, most of the MDGs, particularly the poverty reduction which benefited from sustained economic annual growth rate of 5-6%.

Mozambique recommends Viet Nam to carry on with Constitutional review process aimed at the strengthening the legal systems and policies on Human Rights.

I thank you for your kind attention!

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