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**Statement by HE Ambassador Pedro Comissario, Permanent  
Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations Office in  
Geneva, to the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group on  
Portugal**

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

At the outset, I would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Portugal, led by the Secretary of State for European Issues, HE Dr. Bruno Mações, to their country's Second Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Portugal is a country with which Mozambique maintains close relations of cooperation in the domain of Human Rights, within the context of CPLP. This cooperation is nourished by common cultural and historical ties.

It is noteworthy that Portugal, in the last few years, has been presenting two resolutions in the HRC, one on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the other, on the Right to Education.

This country has been showing an unwavering stand in honoring its commitment to implement the 97% of the recommendations presented to her during her 1<sup>st</sup> UPR.

As a matter of fact, Portugal has no overdue reports on human rights to be submitted.

My delegation would like to stress that Portugal is part to a considerable number of human rights international legal instruments, including the UN core human rights treaties and respective optional protocols.

The country has been successfully implementing the National Strategy for Disability for the period 2011-2013, which sets measures, targets and indicators in several areas, in tandem with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability.

Portugal keeps an open policy towards the special procedures mandate holders. We note with satisfaction that Portugal, in this context, maintain a standing invitation to all Special Rapporteurs.

Mozambique would like to commend Portugal for ranking first amongst the countries of the EU's *Next Door Family* project, in the area of racism, racial discrimination, and integration of migrants and marginalized groups, including Roma communities.

Finally, I would like to recommend Portugal to accelerate the implementation of the remaining recommendations of the previous cycle of UPR.

I thank you for your kind attention

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