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Representative of the Republic of Mozambique to the  
United Nations Office in Geneva and other  
International Organizations to the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
UPR Working Group on Madagascar  
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Thank you, Mr. President!

From the outset, I thank Her Excellency Noëline RAMANANTENASOA, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Madagascar for the submission of the comprehensive report to her country's second Cycle of UPR.

I underline the fact that the report at hand reflects the activities undertaken in the implementation of some of the 65 accepted recommendations from the first UPR Cycle, amid a protracted political crisis that the country went through, from 2009 to 2013.

From the implemented recommendations, I praise Madagascar for having adopted Act No.007/2014, on the establishment of the Independent National Human Rights Commission, in line with the Paris Principles. The country

has also taken steps aiming at ratifying the Optional Protocol on the Prevention of Torture, for which she should be commended.

I appeal to the International Community to positively respond to the request of Madagascar for capacity building and technical assistance as contained in paragraph 147 of the report. Only with such support, can Madagascar improve the situation of human rights in the country.

Finally, while aware of the multifaceted challenges the country is faced with, I would like to recommend Madagascar to endeavor to implement the remaining recommendations of the previous and present UPR review.

I thank you!