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Representative of the Republic of Mozambique to the
United Nations Office in Geneva and other
International Organizations, to the 21st Session of the
UPR Working Group on Guinea Bissau**

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Mr. President!

From the outset, I thank the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Guinea Bissau for the submission of a comprehensive report to their country's second cycle of the UPR.

I underline the fact that Guinea Bissau had to implement part of the recommendations, She had accepted from the First Cycle of UPR, in 2010, under a spectrum of a protracted political instability, that arose from the oust of the then democratically elected Government, in 2012.

In complying with part of the recommendations, She had accepted, I praise Guinea Bissau for having ratified the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights; the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; the Optional Protocol on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on the Sale of Children, amongst other human rights and human rights related instruments.

It is my understanding that there had not been a coup d'état, the country could have made additional progresses in the implementation of the above mentioned recommendations.

It is obvious that the country will be unable to meet any of the MGD's, for, since Independence, in 1974, not a single Government had completed its mandate term of office, with all tremendous challenges brought about by such situation.

In this context, I would like to appeal to the International Community to be responsive to the plea of the new Government for a multifaceted assistance and capacity building to the country, in its endeavor to rebuild and build basic resilient infra-structures, especially health, education, water and sanitation facilities, as it strives to provide basic services to the population and cater for enjoyment of their basic human rights.

Finally, Mr. President, while aware of the enormous challenges the country is faced with, I recommend Guinea

Bissau to endeavor to implement the remaining recommendations of the previous and present UPR process.

I wish Guinea Bissau every success in the present UPR exercise.

I thank you, Mr. President!

