

Statement by H.E. Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, Permanent Representative of the Holy See to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva at Human Rights Council – 24rd Session of the Universal Periodical Review

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MOZAMBIQUE

Mr. President,

The Holy See welcomes the Delegation of Mozambique on the occasion of the presentation of its second National Report to the Universal Periodic Review.

My Delegation acknowledges the various efforts made by Mozambique to guarantee the effective implementation of human rights through the creation of a National Human Rights Commission. We are glad to note the efforts made to prevent trafficking in persons, as we are pleased by the adoption of the National Action Plan for the Advancement of Women (PNAM).

My Delegation would like to present the following recommendations:

- 1. To increase its efforts to safeguard the human rights of women, ageing people, persons with disabilities and children, in particular, street children.
- 2. To continue its efforts to provide full access to education and to reduce the mortality rate through the improvement of health care services.
- 3. To reinforce the protection of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers' rights, by improving their living conditions and by ensuring the civil registration of their children.

Thank you Mr. President.