**Statement of Kenya**

**at the review of Mozambique**

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**Mr. /Ms. President,**

Kenya extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Mozambique to this 2nd cycle of the UPR. We thank them for the comprehensive and thorough presentation of their national report.

Kenya welcomes the positive efforts to implement recommendations accepted at the 1st UPR cycle. We commend the Government’s efforts in improving the people’s living conditions through implementation of progressive social policies. We note the improvements in the enjoyment of the right to education, including among others, through the expansion of the schools network with a focus on rural areas; the reduction in the distances travelled by students; the increase of the rate of admissions; and the reduction in difference between the levels of enrollment of boys and girls.

We also commend Mozambique for her commitment to enhancing cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, including through providing voluntary financial contributions in 2013.

We share the observation expressed by the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights that Mozambicans could get more enhanced protections benefits from commitments under the ICESCR.

***We make the following recommendation to Mozambique:***

**To** **consider** **ratifying the ICESCR**.

**I thank you.**