



24th Session of the Working Group for UPR
Interactive Dialogue on Report of **Mozambique**

Mr. President,

The Republic of Serbia would like to welcome the delegation of Mozambique and to thank them for the presentation of their national report.

We acknowledge the efforts in the field of promotion and protection of human rights in Mozambique since the first UPR cycle. The establishment of the National Human Rights Commission is an important achievement and we encourage Mozambique to continue with bringing of their NHRI in compliance with the Paris Principles.

Cooperation with the UN mechanisms is an important component for improving of the standard settings in the field of human rights. In this regard, we encourage Mozambique to further step up its cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms and to consider issuing standing invitations for special procedures.

We encourage the Government of Mozambique to continue its constructive engagement in protection of women's rights. In this respect, we recommend the adoption of appropriate policies to additionally promote gender equality in public affairs and to enforce strict sanctions against all kinds of discrimination and abuse of women's rights. Furthermore, we recommend Mozambique to consider taking appropriate action at the legislative level in order to ensure protection from all forms of discrimination.

We wish Mozambique success in implementing the recommendations of its second cycle.