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Review of Mozambique
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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the delegation of Mozambique led by (to complete) to this UPR Session and the presentation of its national report.

South Africa welcomes the implementation of the Quinquennium Government Program 2015-2019 which would go a long way in improving the delivery of public services and contribute to the economic and social development efforts of the country. South Africa also notes that the introduction of universal access to Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) to HIV + pregnant women geared towards the elimination of mother to child transmission.

South Africa encourages Mozambique to continue all efforts towards the promotion, protection and fulfillment of all human rights, including the Right to Development and would like to propose the following recommendations:

- 1) To continue efforts for the full operationalization of the National Human Rights Commission;
- 2) To redouble its efforts to uphold the independence of the judiciary
- 3) To ensure the mainstreaming of gender equality in all its policies and to increase the representation of women in decision-making positions at the local level.

We wish Mozambique a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.