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MISSION TO UN, GENEVA, DURING THE
CONSIDERATION OF UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REPORT
ON MOZAMBIQUE ON
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Mr. President,

My delegation wishes to congratulate the Republic of Mozambique on the various efforts it has been undertaking in the promotion and protection of human rights since the last review in spite of numerous constraints that the country continues to encounter including poverty and its vulnerability to natural disasters. We are pleased to learn that the government has managed to implement about 90% of the recommendations with the remainder in progress.

We are also delighted to note the government's achievements in poverty eradication, provision of affordable housing, clean and safe water supply and women ratio representation in public life, among others as well as efforts undertaken by the government in the prevention and fight

against HIV/AIDS particularly to women. We commend the government on the achievements made in the education sector with the positive outcome on children enrollment rate particularly the commitment of the government to improve the quality of education and student retention in primary schools.

Furthermore, my delegation is pleased to note that the government is committed to continue ratifying and acceding to key international legal instruments which the country is not yet party to. In this regard, we welcome a report by the government on the recent ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

My delegation welcomes the operationalization of the Mozambique National Commission on Human Rights following the appointment and swearing in of its members. We encourage the Republic of Mozambique to continue providing necessary financial and material support to the Commission to enable it fulfill its mandate.

Finally, we call on the international community to heed Mozambique's request for technical assistance and meaningful cooperation and to support the efforts being made by the government towards the implementation of its human rights obligations.

I thank you Mr. President

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...made by the government towards the implementation of its
...development plan.

I thank you, Mr. President.