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**Statement by H.E. Pedro Comissário, Permanent
Representative of the Republic of Mozambique to the
United Nations Office in Geneva and other
International Organizations, at the 24rd Session of the
UPR Working Group on Niger
Geneva, 18th January 2016**

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Mr President!

I welcome **HE Marou Amadou**, Minister of Justice of Niger and his distinguished delegation on the occasion of the submission of their country's report to the Second Cycle of Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Mr. President, out of 112 recommendations of the First Cycle of UPR, Niger had accepted 110. In this context, I warmly salute the outstanding progresses the country has made, including the enactment of a set of national laws, setting up of several institutions and the ratification of a number of human rights instruments and others, in the interest of improving the enjoyment of human rights by His People.

Regarding the death penalty, Mr. President, I recognize Niger is a *de facto* abolitionist country, as well as the steps She has made aiming at abolishing this penalty. Therefore, I would urge Niger to accelerate the process that will lead to such abolishment.

I appeal to the International Community to be responsive to the request of Niger of technical support to help (i) counter attacks by the Boko Haram group, (ii) set up a body of personnel specialized in prison administration and security, apart from deployment of a human rights adviser from the OHCHR in order to support the Inter-ministerial Committee in drafting of reports.

I wish Niger every success in the present UPR exercise.

I thank you

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