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**Statement by H.E. Ambass. Pedro Comissário,
Permanent Representative of the Republic of
Mozambique to the United Nations Office in Geneva
and other International Organizations, at the 25th
Session of the UPR Working Group on Ireland**

Geneva, 11th May 2016

Mr. President

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Ireland to the II Cycle of the UPR.

We salute the progresses Ireland has made in the implementation of the recommendations of the 1st Cycle of the UPR.

We take note of the ongoing process on the preparation for the Second National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence 2016-2021, which envisages a range of actions to be undertaken by different stakeholders, aiming at preventing and responding to these warring phenomena.

We welcome the issuance, in 2015, of the Draft National Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Human Trafficking, for consultation purposes, which once approved will guide the work program of the Authorities in their collaboration with Civil Society in the fight against this trafficking and enhancing the protection of victims.

We take note of the launch, in 2015, of the 1st National Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation in Decision-making 2015-2020, the first of its nature at the level of the European Union, indeed, a source of inspiration for other countries, as they seek to give voice to children and young people on matters of their concern.

On international human rights legal instruments, we recommend Ireland to expedite the process that will lead to the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OP-CAT), as well as the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (OP-CRPD).

To conclude, Mr. President, we wish Ireland every success in the present UPR exercise.

I thank you

Geneva, 11th May 2016