**STATEMENT BY MRS. LAURINDA SAIDE BANZE, COUNSELLOR/HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERT AT THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THE**

**44th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON CAMEROON**

**GENEVA, NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

**Mr. President,**

Mozambique welcomes and thanks the distinguished delegation of Cameroon for the submission of a comprehensive Report. We commend the government of Cameroon for the progress made since the last UPR, in ensuring the protection and promotion of human rights in Cameroon.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Mozambique recommends the following to Cameroon:

1. Take steps to ensure participation of marginalized groups, including women and person with disabilities in political and decision-making bodies at the local, regional and national levels;
2. Continue with the efforts to ratify and implement international human rights instruments, including the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education.

Mozambique wishes Cameroon every success in the present UPR process.

**Thank you, Mr President.**