**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 CUBA**

**GENEVA, NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

**Mr. President,**

Mozambique welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cuba and congratulates them of their national report.

We commend the Government of Cuba for the progress made in implementation of supported recommendations which arose from the 3rd cycle of the UPR.

In a spirit of constructive engagements, Mozambique recommends the following to Cuba:

1. Continue conducting educational programs in prisons, which include prisoners' access to culture and sports.
2. Expand Internet access in educational centers, as a tool for teachers and students.

Mozambique wishes Cuba a successful review.

**Thank you, Mr. President**