**STATEMENT BY MRS LAURINDA SAIDE BANZE, COUNSELLOR/HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERT AT THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONA OFFICE IN GENEVA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THE 44th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**GENEVA, NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

**Mr. President,**

Mozambique warmly welcomes the delegation of Russian Federation and thank them for the update on the human rights situation in their country.

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

In constructive manner, Mozambique offers to Russian Federation the following recommendations:

1. To continue with efforts to eliminate violence against women and girls
2. Promote and embrace the concept of quality inclusive education and adopt a long-term roadmap and action plan to achieve inclusive education

Mozambique wishes Russian Federation every success in the present UPR process.

**Thank you, Mr. President**