**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 45TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON CHAD**

**GENEVA, FEBRUARY 30, 2024**

**Mr President**,

Mozambique warmly welcomes the distinguished high-level delegation of Chad and thanks them for their presentation of the National Report.

My delegation commends Chad for its ongoing efforts to integrate human rights principles into its legal frameworks.

In a spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation offers following recommendations to Chad:

1. Put in place legislative measures and ensure judicial protection for human rights defenders to strengthen the promotion and protection of their rights.
2. Ensure the full independence of the National Human Rights Commission, in accordance with the Paris Principles.
3. Prioritize the elimination of poverty and ensure that a human rights approach underpins all initiatives, including Vision 2030.

Mozambique wishes Chad every success in the present UPR process.

**Thank you, Mr. President**