**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 SENEGAL**

**GENEVA, FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

**Mr President**,

Mozambique warmly welcomes the distinguished high-level delegation of Senegal and thanks them for their insightful presentation of the National Report to the 4th Cycle of the UPR.

We commend the government of Senegal for its dedicated efforts in enacting laws that effectively implement international instruments aimed at promoting and protecting human rights within the country.

In a constructive spirit, my delegation offers to Senegal the following recommendations:

1. Strengthen measures to ensure adequate legal assistance for person with disabilities; and
2. Continue with efforts to adopt the Children´s Code in line with the international standards.

Mozambique wishes Senegal every success in the present UPR process.

**Thank you, Mr. President**