**STATEMENT BY MRS. LAURINDA SAIDE BANZE, COUNSELLOR/HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERT - CHARGE D´AFFAIRS a.i AT THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THE 46th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON COMOROS**

**GENEVA, MAY 3, 2024**

**Mr. President,**

Mozambique warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Comoros to the 4th cycle of the UPR, and thanks them for their national statement showcasing advancement in human rights submission of their national Report.

We commend Comoros for the progress made since the previous UPR cycle, particularly in advancing human rights.

In the spirit of constructive engagement Mozambique offers the following recommendations to Comoros:

1. Take concrete steps to ensure universal and inclusive access to education for persons with disabilities.
2. Continue with the efforts to expand the coverage of social protection programs, including cash support, to assist vulnerable populations
3. Continue efforts to expedite internal procedures aimed at abolishing the death penalty.

Mozambique wishes the delegation of Comoros a successful UPR.

**Thank you, Mr President.**