**STATEMENT BY MRS LAURINDA 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 47th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON**

**CÔTE D`IVOIRE**

**GENEVA, 5TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

**Mr. President,**

Mozambique welcomes the high-level delegation of Côte d’Ivoire and thanks them for the presentation of their national report to the 4th cycle of the UPR.

My delegation commends Côte d’Ivoire for its ongoing efforts to integrate human rights principles into its legal frameworks.

In a constructive engagement, my delegation offers the following recommendations to Côte d’Ivoire:

1. Intensify efforts to prevent human trafficking, particularly of women and children, and enhance victim support mechanisms.
2. Implement prison reform measures to address overcrowding and ensure adequate living conditions.
3. Increase funding and initiatives to improve access to education and healthcare, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

Mozambique wishes Côte d’Ivoire every success in the present UPR process.

**Thank you, Mr. President**