**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMADEU DA CONCEICAO, PERMANENT REPRESENTIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UN AND OTHERS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT 37. SESSION OTHE THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON MAURITANIA**

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Mr. President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Mauritania for the submission of their comprehensive country’s Report. Mauritania drew up the Report in difficult circumstances and constraints imposed by the covid-19 pandemic.

Mozambique praises Mauritania for the progresses made on implementation of the recommendations from the second cycle of UPR in 2015.

Mozambique offers the following recommendations to Mauritania:

1. Continue efforts for ratification by the National Assembly of the law to combat gender-based violence, particularly against women and girls;

2. Improve and strengthen legal and institutional framework in view to eliminate forced labour, child forced labour and human trafficking;

3. Reinforce training and capacity- building in human rights for judiciary staff members, particularly judges, lawyers and court officials.

We wish Mauritania every success in the present UPR exercise.

Thank you Mr President!