**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMADEU DA CONCEICAO, AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TO UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA TO 37th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON AUSTRIA**

**GENEVA, JANUARY 22, 2021**

Mr President,

We warmly welcome the Austrian Delegation to the Third Cycle of the UPR.

Mozambique commends Austria for several measures taken to strengthen advancement on the enjoyment of human rights and for its commitment to a gradual increase of its national budget for public development cooperation, aiming to implement the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

In a constructive spirit, we offer the following recommendations for consideration by Austria:

- to continue efforts towards the adoption of a national action plan on business and human rights;

- to grant asylum seekers effective access to the labour market during their asylum proceedings in order to ensure successful integration;

-To redouble efforts in addressing the gender pay gap.

-We wish Austria every success in the present UPR exercise.

Thank you, Mr.President !