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

**GENEVA, JANUARY 25, 2021**

Mr. President,

We welcome and thank the distinguished delegation of Rwanda for the submission of their country’s comprehensive report.

We appreciate the efforts and measures taken by Rwanda to implement the recommendations of the 2nd cycle. We welcome developments taken to ensure gender equality, particularly, efforts made on women empowerment and participation in the country decision making processes. Additionally, we commend Rwanda’s efforts to implement recommendations related to right to education.

Mozambique recommends Rwanda to consider:

1. To reinforce measures to protect the rights of children and youth from sexual violence, abuse and trafficking;
2. To take further measures to prevent child marriages,
3. To increase technical and financial framework to provide support for the most vulnerable people,
4. To integrate human rights education into school curricula and training programmes for teachers.

Mozambique wishes Rwanda every success in the present UPR review.

Thank you Mr. President!