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

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Mr. President,

We welcome and thank the distinguished delegation of Lebanon for the submission of their country’s comprehensive Report to this UPR Session.

We note the strides Lebanon made in implementation of the recommendations of the second cycle. We recognize the economic and social difficulties and challenges faced by Lebanon which are impacting on human rights situation in the country, some of them are related to current covid-19 pandemic and the humanitarian tragedy caused by the explosion in Port of Beirut last August.

In a constructive spirit, we take this opportunity to recommend Lebanon the following:

1. To complete the process of abolition of the death penalty;
2. To take measures towards reducing and preventing statelessness;
3. To ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol;
4. To speed up the process in order to prevent early marriages.

Mozambique wishes Lebanon every success in the present UPR exercise.

I Thank you Mr. President!