**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF MOZAMBIQUE AT THE 38TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 4 MAY 2021**

Mdm President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation and acknowledges Mozambique’s efforts since its last review to promote and protect the rights of its people despite the complex challenges it faces.

 We positively note the Government’s efforts to increase cooperation with UN agencies and human rights mechanisms, including through the submission of its national reports to human rights treaty bodies such as CEDAW, CRPD and CRC as well as its cooperation with the UN Country Team and the UNDP.

**Singapore recommends that Mozambique continue working with the relevant UN agencies and human rights mechanisms, as appropriate, including through capacity building initiatives, to promote and protect the rights of its people.**

We also positively note Mozambique’s commitment to guarantee the right to education for all its citizens, in particular for children, including through a revision of the National Education System Law to raise the age of compulsory schooling.

**Given Mozambique’s vast geography, Singapore recommends that the Government enhance efforts to expand quality education throughout the country so that children from rural areas have access to the same level and quality of education as their peers from city areas.**

Singapore wishes Mozambique every success in its efforts to promote and protect the human rights of its people and build back better from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you, Mdm President.

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