**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMADEU DA CONCEIÇÃO, AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT 38 SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON NAMIBIA**

**GENEVA, May 3, 2021**

Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of Namibia for the submission of their country’s comprehensive report. Mozambique appraises Namibia for the progress made on the implementation of the recommendations from the second cycle of UPR in 2016.

We commend Namibia for the developments taken to advance education for girls and young women in all levels and for the efforts made to improve and strengthen legal and institutional framework in view to guarantee the protection and promotion of the human rights for all Namibians.

Mozambique recommends Namibia to consider the following recommendations:

1. To approve and implement a new National Gender Policy, to ensure actions toward the integration and mainstreaming of gender in the broader development framework;
2. To continue efforts to access justice for the person with disabilities;
3. To implement training programmes for officials and police officers to better assist persons with disabilities;
4. To create a specific law against torture and other cruel inhuman treatment and punishment.

Mozambique wishes Namibia every success in the present UPR review.

Thank you, Mr. President