**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 NIGER**

**GENEVA, May 3, 2021**

Mr. President,

Mozambique welcomes the delegation of Niger and thanks them for the presentation of their national comprehensive report.

Niger should be praised for the ratification of several international and regional instruments in the field of human rights, since the last cycle of the UPR, in 2016.

Niger should as well be commended for the effort made by its Government that allowed implementing 80 percent of the recommendations accepted in the last cycle of the UPR.

While aware of the enormous challenges Niger is facing with, especially in the security area, in friendly spirit Mozambique recommends:

1. To reinforce technical cooperation in order to implement all instruments ratified by the country since 2016, specially those related to the rights of the children;
2. To take measures to build the capacity of various actors to ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the treaty and the UPR boards; and
3. To increase the government of Niger efforts to further mainstream human rights in public policies.

We wish Niger every success in the present UPR exercise.

We thank you, Mr. President!