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Mr President,

We warmly welcome the Belgium Delegation to the Third Cycle of the UPR.

Mozambique commends Belgium for several measures taken to strengthen advancement on the enjoyment of human rights, especially for its commitment to strengthening the existent legal framework to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

In a constructive spirit, we offer the following recommendations for consideration by Belgium:

1. To continue efforts towards the establishment of a national mechanism for the prevention of torture and national human rights institution;
2. To continue with the efforts in addressing the gender pay gap; and
3. To accelerate the process to generalize its inclusive education police by integrating children with disabilities into mainstream education system.

We wish Belgium every success in the present UPR exercise.

Thank you, Mr.President !