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**UPR of the Republic of Mozambique**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*4th of May 2021, 9.00 hrs, Geneva*

*Speaking time: 1 minute*

*Madame President,*

Poland thanks Mozambique for its national report and participation in the third UPR cycle.

Poland recommends that Mozambique swiftly concludes process of **ratification of the International Covenant on the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and considers becoming a State Party to the Rome Statue of the International Criminal Court**.

Moreover, we urge Mozambique to undertake every effort to effectively **combat and eradicate child and forced marriages, as well as other harmful practices, such as initiation rites, which have detrimental psychological and physical effect on children and women.**

We acknowledge Mozambique extending a standing invitation to the Special Procedures.

Accord reached between the Government and RENAMO in 2019 is a major step in fostering civil, political, economic and social human rights. In this context we encourage finding a sustainable political solution to other ongoing conflicts which hamper human rights in Mozambique.

*Thank you*.