**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMADEU DA CONCEICAO, AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT 39th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON ESWATINI**

**GENEVA, 8th NOVEMBER 2021**

Madam President,

We welcome and thank the distinguished delegation of the Kingdom of Eswatini for the submission of their country’s comprehensive report.

We appreciate the progress made by Eswatini on the implementation of the recommendations of the 2nd cycle of the UPR.

In a constructive spirit Mozambique recommends the following to Eswatini:

1. To take measures to guarantee the implementation of all legislations enacted which domesticate the various human rights conventions ratified by the country;
2. To accelerate the ongoing national process to ratify the optional protocol on the Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women;
3. To take further measures to prevent early and forced marriages and gender based violence;
4. To continue with the efforts to promote and protect human rights for the population particularly for the vulnerable groups.

Mozambique wishes Eswatini every success in the present UPR review.

Thank you Madam President!

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