**STATEMENT BY MRS. LAURINDA SAIDE BANZE, COUNSELLOR AT THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT 41st SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON NETHERLANDS**

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**Mr. President,**

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

We appreciate the progress made by Netherlands in the field of human rights since the previous national report of UPR.

In a constructive spirit, we recommend the Netherlands:

1. To accelerate the ongoing process towards ratification of the Optional Protocols to the International Convention on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights; as well as, the Conventions on the Rights of Child and on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Mozambique wishes the Netherlands every success in the present UPR review.

**Thank you, Mr. President**