**STATEMENT BY HE AMADEU DA CONCEICAO, AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA TO THE 42nd SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON SWITZERLAND**

**GENEVA, 27 JANUARY 2023**

**Mr President,**

Mozambique welcomes and thanks the delegation of Switzerland for the submission of their country comprehensive Report.

Taking note of the report, my delegation congratulates Switzerland for its leading role in protecting and promoting human rights, particularly for translating in practice the interconnection between human rights obligations and the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In constructive spirit of cooperation, Mozambique would like to recommend Switzerland;

* To take steps to adopt binding measures to combat gender wage gap, achieving equal pay for women and men;
* Additionally, we recommend strengthening existing measures and implementing new ones to ensure comprehensive protection and rights for persons with disabilities.

I conclude by wishing Switzerland every success in this UPR exercise.

**Thank you, Mr President!**