**STATEMENT BY HE MR 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 ZAMBIA**

**GENEVA, 30th JANUARY 2023**

**Mr President,**

Mozambique welcomes the high-level delegation of the Republic of Zambia, our sister country, and thank them for the presentation of their National comprehensive Report to this UPR session.

We commend Zambia for the progress made since the last review cycle and for the country’s commitment to implement its national and international obligations in the field of human rights, despite a very challenging global environment.

In a constructive spirit, Mozambique would like to offer the following recommendations to Zambia:

1.To abolish the death penalty;

2.To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

3.To ratify the first and second Protocols of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Mozambique wishes Zambia every success in the present UPR process.

 **Thank you, Mr President.**