**STATEMENT BY MRS. LAURINDA SAIDE BANZE, COUNSELLOR/HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERT AT THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THE 43rd SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON MALI**

**GENEVA, MAY 2, 2023**

**Mr. President,**

Mozambique welcomes and thanks the distinguished delegation of Mali for the submission of their 4th cycle of the UPR national report.

We commend the Government of Mali for the actions pursued in the field of human rights, since the adoption of its last UPR report.

In constructive manner, Mozambique offers to Mali the following recommendations:

1. To improve the healthcare system in Mali, in particular the access to emergency obstetric care, to protect the right to life of both women and children;
2. To continue with the efforts to strengthen the security responses and strategies to effectively protect the civilian population and their fundamental human rights, and
3. To continue with the efforts to ensure the quality education for all children, in particular in the north and centre of Mali.

Mozambique wishes Mali every success in the present UPR review.

**Thank you, Mr. President**