**STATEMENT BY HE MR AMADEU DA CONCEIÇÃO, AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNAATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA TO THE 43rd SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON FRANCE**

**GENEVA, MAY 1, 2023**

**Mr President**,

Mozambique welcomes and thanks the distinguished delegation of France and congratulates them for the presentation of their National Report to this UPR Session.

Mozambique commends France for the achievement made in the implementation of the recommendations received in the previous UPR cycle.

In constructive spirit Mozambique would like to offer the following recommendations to France:

1. To reinforce measures to protect people of African descent and ensure their greater representation at all levels, and
2. To take measures to improve the living conditions of migrants and asylum-seekers

Mozambique wishes France a successful UPR exercise.

**Thank you, Mr President!**