**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 BURUNDI**

**GENEVA, MAY 4, 2023**

**Mr. President,**

Mozambique warmly welcomes and thanks the delegation of Burundi for the submission of their 4th Cycle of the UPR Report.

We commend Burundi for the progress made since the last UPR process. We also commend Burundi for the establishment of the institutional framework favorable to respect of human rights in the country.

In the spirit of cooperation and solidarity, Mozambique offers following recommendations to Burundi:

1. To continue with its efforts to ensure enjoyment of the human rights for all citizens on a non-discriminatory and equal basis.
2. To strengthen the measures to address all forms of gender-based violence and ensure that the cases are properly handled.
3. To ensure equitable participation of women in decision-making bodies and in state institutions

Mozambique wishes Burundi every success in the present UPR process.

**Thank you, Mr President!**