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Statement by His Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique at the 70th General Assembly of the United Nations

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Mr. President;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I would like, first of all, to greet all participants to this General Assembly Meeting and thank the Secretary General for the excellent working facilities put to our disposal which will, surely, contribute for the success of our meeting.

It is with a great honour and singular privilege that for the first time since my election to steer the destinies of Mozambique I attend, on behalf of the People and Government of Mozambique, the deliberations of this Session as it discusses matters around the Development Agenda Post-2015.

Indeed, this General Assembly marks the 70 years since the inception of the United Nations, and it is a special session in that it marks the end of the Millennium Development Goals. Today the Universal Family gets ready to usher in a new page of its global commitment to serve the humanity.

I wish on this occasion to commend all who those who enabled us to come up with the Final Draft document titled, *“Transforming our world: Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development”*.

I praise this process because Mozambique was one of the 50 Countries selected and had the opportunity to submit her views which were valued in the drafting of the Secretary General Final Report.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Recognising that countries did not meet all set targets for 2015 we commend the effort undertaken to bring to the Agenda the 17 Goals and those targets that were left beyond expectations.

Over the 15 years of implementation of the Millennium Declaration, we have learned that it is only possible to achieve the desired outcomes if the global goals are part and parcel of our National Governance Agenda. We have learned that it is possible if with our initiative we can mobilise and engage all stakeholders to a collective action.

We have learned about the need to strengthen coordination so that the center stage of our action focuses on Man, the most important capital available to our countries. We have learned that there is a need to increase the capacity for monitoring and evaluation of progress in each phase of implementation.

In this context, allow me to highlight the gains scored by Mozambique on the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, namely: expansion of access to education. This has enabled us to enroll 80% of school age children in primary education.

Our governance action focused on community awareness, mainly in rural areas. We have discouraged drop out of girls from school enabling us to reach gender balance in the access to primary education.

Since 2000 the year of the adoption of the Millennium Declaration, we have reduced infant mortality. From an average of 100 deaths of children under the age of 1 year in every 1,000 live births.

As for infant-youth mortality, the number of children who die under the age of 5 dropped from about 150 to an average of 97 in every 1,000 live births.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

During my inauguration in January this year, I stated that we would be leading a Government that caters for future generations.

The progress made on the indicators I have just mentioned, are related to a number of human and social development programmes that the Government has been implementing.

It is pursuant to this Agenda that we continued to focus our attention on the promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights of adolescents and youth, resulting in the increase of life expectancy.

We have also made interventions to improve access to education, health, and other human rights delivered by the State. We believe that strengthening this kind of synergies will be vital for a successful implementation of our sustainable development agenda.

Invited Guests,

As I conclude my remarks in this first opportunity accorded to us we wish to state that we undertake in a vigorous way to seize this moment to institutionalise the population factor as the key element for our development. We equally reaffirm our Government's commitment to the principles of this International Organisation

I thank you very much for you attention!