



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

STATEMENT

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AT**

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DEVELOPMENT ON**

**“ERADICATING POVERTY AND PROMOTING PROSPERITY IN A
CHANGING WORLD”**

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**Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,**

At the outset, I would like to express the deep appreciation of the Government of the Republic of Mozambique to the President of ECOSOC, for convening this important event aimed at mobilizing multiple actors and efforts to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions all over the world.

I would also like to seize this opportunity to welcome the report of the Secretary-General on the theme of this HLPF, for its comprehensive overview of the progress in the implementation of the SDGs, and the call to redouble national and international efforts to implement these goals..

Mozambique aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of Ecuador, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and of Bangladesh, on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries.

Excellencies,

Mozambique believes that Sustainable Development Goals can only be achieved if:

1. They are integrated into national planning and budgeting instruments;
2. The implementation process allows for the participation of all relevant stakeholders at national and local levels, including the local communities and marginalized groups;
3. Accountability mechanisms are put in place to ensure timely evaluation and monitoring of the progress;
4. Financial resources are available; and
5. Partnerships, at bilateral and multilateral level, including the support of the United Nations System at country level is strengthened.

All these elements derive from our experience in implementing the Millennium Development Goals. Our efforts to domesticate the SDGs also benefited from the national consultations conducted by the United Nations to build the SDGs. Our early involvement with the process was useful to

align the Government's Five-Year Plan for the period 2015-2019 with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, right from its inception in 2015.

Therefore, Mozambique is implementing the 2030 Agenda in the framework of our national development plan that includes all the 17 SDGs, in the spirit of the principle of not leaving anyone behind. In this vein, poverty eradication efforts were improved by the synergies created by the SDGs, particularly with regard to the inclusiveness and complementarity approach in addressing the challenges we face to deliver on the commitments made to:

- develop our human capital;
- build a resilient economic and social infrastructures;
- promote industrialization, and innovation as well as a sustainable management of natural resources; and
- finally to promote employment, especially for young people.

Excellencies

To accelerate the implementation of our commitments regarding the 2030 Agenda, the Government is working on the definition of an effective monitoring structure, one that will include all major stakeholders involved in the implementation process, guided by the need to ensure proper and balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development.

In addition, the implementation of the SDGs in Mozambique will benefit from the decentralization process that the Government has been strengthening over the last decade, which allowed for the improved capacity of local authorities and communities to better plan, implement and monitor our national development agenda. The success in the design of the Local Adaptation Plans in the context of climate change is a good example in this regard.

In line with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda commitments on financing the development, in 2016 the Government established the National Fund for Sustainable Development, an instrument aiming at the promotion and financing of programs and projects that contribute for achieving sustainable development.

In this endeavor, we also strive to mobilize additional domestic resources, notwithstanding the prevailing challenges that constrain our economic development.

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Allow me to take this opportunity to commend the work that the UN country team is undertaking in Mozambique towards the implementation of the SDGs. It is our firm conviction that the QCPR adopted in December 2016 by the General Assembly will improve their role in this regard.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I would like to reaffirm the full commitment of Mozambique to work closely with all relevant partners towards the eradication of poverty in all its dimensions and to ensure that in this journey we leave no one behind.

I thank you very much for your attention.