



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

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Mr. President,

Mr. Director General of the IAEA,

Distinguished Delegates,

Allow me to join the previous speakers to congratulate you, Mr. President, on your election to chair this General Conference. We wish you many successes in this role.

I would like to express, on my behalf and on behalf of the Mozambican Delegation, our thanks to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the invitation made to Mozambique to participate in this important event.

Mozambique congratulates the efforts made by the IAEA in having managed to organize this conference, at an atypical time of the Covid-19 pandemic that is plaguing the world. We appreciate the work of the Director General and his team and reiterate our support and cooperation to the fully implementation of the IAEA program.

We take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude for the IAEA's unconditional support, embodied in the sending of various equipment and consumables for the detection of Covid-19, at a time when the country did not have the resources and expertise to face this pandemic that still graces humanity.

Mr. President,

The theme of this Conference “***Preparing for zoonotic outbreaks: the role of nuclear science***” underlines the need to reflect and take concrete steps to apply the benefits of nuclear science and technology to combat zoonotic outbreaks, especially at this moment, where the pandemic of the Covid-19 shows itself capable of destroying humanity.

The Sustainable Development Goal #3 says “***Ensure healthy living and promote well-being for all at all ages***” focuses on maternal and child health and reducing

HIV rates. However, from this objective, it can be inferred that the promotion of a healthy life and well-being for everyone, at all ages, necessarily involves facing the problem of zoonotic diseases in our society.

Mozambique has already a national ZODIAC Commission coordinated by Agricultural Research Institute and it integrate representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry that oversee the Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and Universities.

Mr. President,

Technical cooperation program between Mozambique and the IAEA plays an important role in the process of creating technical conditions and training human resources, essential for the safe use of nuclear science and technology.

Under this program, the country received this year a complete dosimetry equipment which is now in the process of installing and training the operators. This equipment will contribute to the radiological protection of occupationally exposed workers.

The National Inventory of Sources, has also benefit from the technical cooperation by receiving a complete set of the **Regulatory Authority Information System (RAIS)**.

Regarding the implementation of the actions to prevent and fight cancer, after the successful launch of the first Radiotherapy Service, based on the Clinical Linear Accelerator, the country is currently at a very advanced stage for the installation of high dose rate brachytherapy equipment at Maputo Central Hospital.

Mr. President,

Mozambique is committed with the Safety and Physical Protection of Radioactive and Nuclear Material. In this regard, the country is now finalizing

the ratification process of the Amendment to the Convention for the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material.

Mozambique has also made progress regarding the Radiological and Nuclear Emergency. For this purpose, the National Atomic Energy Agency has been recently integrated into the National Emergency Committee of the National Institute for Disaster Management.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I would like to express once again our sincere gratitude for the support provided by the IAEA to Mozambique.

Thank you for your attention!