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STATEMENT

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**Mr President, Ambassador Ham Sang wook,  
Director General of International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael  
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Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of the Delegation of the Republic of Mozambique, it is my privilege to address the 68<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

I join other speakers to warmly applaud you, Mr President, on your election to lead the 68<sup>th</sup> General Conference. We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Director General of the IAEA for his appointment for a second term to lead the Agency.

At outset, let me assure you of Mozambique's full cooperation in all decisions taken at this event, with a view to promoting international peace and security.

Mozambique reaffirms its commitment to consolidate the peaceful use of nuclear science and technology through the IAEA Technical Cooperation Program. In this regard, our third Country Program Framework (CPF) 2024-2029 is ready to be signed this year.

Allow me to thank the IAEA for the collaboration in all areas of Technical Cooperation with Mozambique. Especially in health sector, for cancer diagnosis and treatment. Cancer is the first cause of mortality among people older than 50 years of age. In this context, we would like to congratulate the IAEA Director General on his Rays of Hope Initiative, which Mozambique has joined with the ambition of expanding diagnostic and treatment services across the country.

Mozambique seeks to continuously build capacity in the field of Nuclear Science and Technology, including Education, Research and Development. In addition to the cooperation with the IAEA, the country also collaborates at a regional level with other African countries through the African Regional Cooperation Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology (AFRA).

To guarantee a strong regulatory framework for nuclear safety and security, the country participates in the Regulatory Authority Information System (RAIS) and in the IAEA's Radiological Safety Information Management System (RASIMS).

As an example, last year we established the National Dosimetry Laboratory to improve the safety of occupational exposure.

It is our hope that this cooperation will be deepened to include a calibration system for radiation monitoring instruments so that we can perform our operations according to the Basic Safety Standard for Protection against Ionizing Radiation.

**Mr President,**

For better execution of the nuclear security mechanism, Mozambique is party of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials (CPPNM) and its Amendment. We are presently establishing national Nuclear Security Committee.

We are also currently cooperating with the US Department of State's Office for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Fund (NDF). Our aim is to improve the safety and security of radioactive sources, through the construction of a national bunker to store disuse sealed radioactive sources (DSRS). We would like to express our commitment to the Guidance on the Management of the DSRS, regarding the establishment of a national policy and strategy for the management of disused sources.

Mozambique supports the signing of the Treaty on the Prohibition of nuclear weapons, at national level, the Treaty has been approved by the Government and submitted to the Parliament for ratification.

We are pleased to note the continental efforts for peaceful use of nuclear science and technology in Africa, through the initiatives of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union.

To conclude, the Government of Mozambique commits to worldwide peace and to global cooperation in the nuclear field within the true spirit of multilateral cooperation.

Thank you!