



**REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE**

**STATEMENT**

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**Mr. Chair,**

Mozambique congratulates you, for your able leadership and for convening this timely Open Briefing. We also commend the Group of Experts and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs for their dedicated support to the Committee's work.

**Mr. Chair,**

Mozambique possesses no weapons of mass destruction and has no wish to develop them. All our activities in nuclear, chemical, and biological domains serve strictly peaceful—advancing public health, agriculture, energy security, and environmental protection.

We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to preventing WMD proliferation and ensuring that all non-State are denied access to the materials, technology, and knowledge that could lead to their development or use. This is not merely a legal obligation, it is a moral imperative for humanity's survival.

**Mr. Chair,**

We welcome the Committee's ongoing review process under resolution 2663 (2022) and your emphasis on inclusivity and regional dialogue. As the comprehensive review approaches its 2027 deadline, we encourage the Committee to deepen partnerships with regional organizations, ensuring that assistance remains demand-driven, regionally owned, and sustainably financed.

Mozambique proudly co-hosted the 2024 Training Course for African 1540 Points of Contact with the Committee and UNODA, enabling more than 30 African States to enhance national implementation capacity. Such practical, region-specific initiatives deliver tangible results and should be replicated and expanded.

Mozambique also stresses maintaining balanced attention to all three pillars of the non-proliferation regime: non-proliferation obligations, disarmament commitments, and peaceful use of science and technology.

The 1540 framework must urgently address emerging threats, from synthetic biology to artificial intelligence and cyber tool, which are rapidly lowering barriers to dual-use technology misuse. However, our response must balance necessary vigilance with promoting

peaceful scientific cooperation and respecting the inalienable right to development.

**Mr. Chair**

The comprehensive review before 2027 presents a critical opportunity to strengthen the 1540 framework's effectiveness while ensuring relevance to contemporary threats. Mozambique encourages the Committee to focus on practical implementation support, particularly for countries with limited technical and financial capacity, rather than merely monitoring compliance.

Mozambique will remain a committed partner in transforming this vision into lasting global security. We stand ready to continue contributing actively to the Committee's work and to the comprehensive review process to deliver tangible protection for all peoples.

**Thank you, Mr. Chair.**