



**STATEMENT BY HE AMADEU DA CONCEICAO, AMBASSADOR AND
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA ON THE OCCASION
OF THE 113TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF IOM
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AGENDA ITEM 12, GENERAL DEBATE

Mr Chairperson,

Mr Director-General,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson for giving me the floor. On behalf of the Mozambique Delegation, I would like to congratulate you Ambassador Lansana Gberie and all members of the Bureau for your election and for the excellent manner in which you are heading this session.

Mozambique aligns itself with the statement delivered by Nigeria on behalf of the African Group.

Mr. Chair, my delegation thanks the IOM Director-General Mr. Antonio Vitorino for the presentation of his report and welcome the progress made by the organization. We also commend the Director-General for his leadership and commitment to the noble cause of ensuring a safe, orderly and regular migration across the globe.

Before hand, we warmly congratulate and welcome the Republic of Barbados as the 175th IOM Member State.

Mr Chairperson,

This IOM Council takes place at a critical moment characterized by multiple crises, such as the impacts of the covid-19 pandemic, climate change, threats to food security, terrorism and organized crime, which are contributing to a large number of migration flows and forced displacement.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The combination of consequences caused by the terrorist armed groups in northern Mozambique and cyclical natural disasters in the country such as cyclones, floods and droughts emerging from climate changes, became a great cause for an increasing number of forced displacements in Mozambique. Therefore, my delegation calls to the international community for the need to build resilience through prevention, risk reduction, adaption and sustainable mechanisms.

We take this opportunity to thank IOM for its commendable work in Mozambique which contribute to build resilience for the displaced populations and local communities exposed to multiples vulnerabilities. We express our sincere appreciation to the IOM staff in Mozambique for their tireless work on the ground.

To conclude, **Mr Chairperson**, let me assure you that the Mozambique Government is committed to working with IOM as a lead UN agency on migration and with all members of the international community to strengthen our cooperation and for the achievement of the Global Compact for Migration goals and other commitments to ensure social and economic integration of migrants.

Thank you Mr Chair!