



**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMADEU DA CONCEICAO,
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Chairperson,

Madam Director General,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Mozambique Delegation, let me start by congratulating Ambassador Katharina Stasch from Germany and all members of the Bureau for their election and for the excellent manner in which are leading our Session.

At the same time, my delegation warmly welcomes and congratulates our new and first woman IOM Director-General, Madam AMY POPE, wishing her every success in her mandate. We appreciate her vision, approach and priorities, focused on assistance to people most in need.

We also applaud the Director General's strategic vision and policy priorities, concerning the need to find new pathways for an orderly, safe and regular migration; the need to find sustainable solutions for human mobility caused by climate change. Madam Director General, You and your entire team can count on Mozambique's support.

Chair,

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

We take note of the Director General's Report and we commend the progress made and we recognize the current challenges facing our Organization, IOM.

We encourage the current reform process in view of a better efficiency of the work of our Organization.

As referred by the Director-General in her Report, this meeting takes place at a critical moment characterized by multiples crises such as the impact of climate change on human mobility, war and conflicts in different parts of the world contributing to an increased number of migrations flows and forced displacement.

With profound appreciation and recognition, my delegation highlights the efforts of IOM in supporting Mozambique to face challenges of human mobility caused by effects of natural disasters such as cyclones, floods which is becoming more and more frequent due to climate change and the attacks from terrorist groups in northern Province of Cabo Delgado.

The IOM and its country team in Mozambique, played and is still playing a vital role in assisting and restoring hope for over eight hundred thousand Mozambicans forcibly displaced. IOM's presence in the country and its proactive action significantly contributes to the stabilization of communities facing situation of deep distress.

Chair,

Before I conclude, let me reiterate the commitment of the Government of the Republic of Mozambique to continue to cooperate, work and support IOM to ensure an orderly, safe and regular migration, as a catalyst for peace and prosperity of all people of the world!

Thank you Chair.