

**Your Excellency Mr President of the Seventh Sixth United Nations General Assembly;**

**Mr Secretary General of the United Nations;**

**Distinguished Peers, Heads of State and Government;**

In September 2015, we deliberated on a Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development for the next 15 years.

We have, strategically identified seventeen goals and .committed to a systematic follow up and evaluation of its implementation until 2030.

Our Country has aligned national planning and budgeting instruments with the Sustainable Development Goals, established a National Team and adopted the National Indicators Framework and developed a Report of the National Voluntary Assessment, in 2020.

We intend to rid the country from poverty, inequalities, and make it resilient to climate change and, free from terrorism and the negative impact of COVID-19.

**Ladies and Gentlemen!**

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is visible in Mozambique in the rise of the number of infections, fatalities, as well as in the national economy slowdown.

In order to reverse this picture, The Government of Mozambique has developed the National Preparedness and Response Plan and took restrictive and mitigation measures of the impact of the outbreak, the following are worth highlighting:

i) Temporary waiver of Value Added Tax in essential products; ii) Reduction of power and water for the social tariff service users; iii) Relaxation of credit restructuring conditions; and iv) Expansion of beneficiaries of social protection programmes.

We committed to implementing concrete programmes to meet the Goals, and worth highlighting are the following:

\* **SDG 2. Zero hunger:** Through SUSTENTA Programme which is aimed at building capacity of small farmers by providing them with inputs and implements towards Zero Hunger;

\* **SDG 3. Good Health and wellbeing:** we are expanding health facilities through the implementation of “One District, One Hospital” Programme;

\* **SDG 4. Quality Education:** we have built capacity for the use distance learning, tele-school and radio-school, and increased the use of information and communication technologies;

\* **SDG 6. Clean Water and Sanitation:** we have fast-tracked and expanded water supply to the communities, under the National Programme of Water for Life;

\* **SDG 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth:** we have promoted more investment, incentive to entrepreneurship and skills

development for self-employment, particularly among the youth and women;

\* **SDG 14. Life below water and SDG 15. Life on Land:** we have acted in the **preservation** and restoration of ecosystems, among other interventions.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen!**

Despite the challenges and uncertainties arising from the pandemic and limitation of financial resources, Mozambique reiterates its unequivocal commitment to fully implement the Sustainable Development Goals and invites all to walk together towards the **“future we want”**.

**Thank You Very Much**