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**STATEMENT BY H.E. PEDRO COMISSÁRIO, PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE,
ON THE OCCASION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM 2022**

Mr. President;

Excellencies;

Distinguished delegates,

1. My delegation is honored to take part in this important inaugural International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) and address this august audience.
2. Mozambique wishes to highlight the importance it attaches to the tenets and guiding principles that underpinned the adoption of the Global Compact on Migration, back in December 2018. These include people-centered policies, international cooperation, national sovereignty, rule of law and due process, respect for human rights and sustainable development. They remain as valid and relevant today as they were then.
3. In the aftermath of a global pandemic, the humankind has gone through, it is urgent that we make the case for the benefits of controlled mobility and its contribution to improve not only individual lives but also strengthen the much needed global macroeconomic growth and incomes.

4. In a world plagued by threats and instability, it is incumbent upon us, at this inaugural Forum, to add our voice in defense of the fact that migration can foster global peace and stability, and help prevent violence and geopolitical instability.
5. As we strive to recover from the multiple impact of climate crisis, covid and conflict, we are encouraged by the Secretary General's 2022 Report on Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. We applaud its focus on international migration as an agent and catalyst for the materialization of the Sustainable Development Goals.
6. As the report points out, migration can improve the quality of life for individuals. On a global macroeconomic level, it allows people to use their productive potential, raising the overall output and expanding the aggregate global GDP.
7. The International Migration Review Forum is thus of particular importance both for Mozambique and for the community of the states at large. As far as we are concerned, we have a long and documented experience in managing migration, from countries of origin, of transit and of destination.
8. Mozambique believes that the challenges of promoting and protecting the rights of migrants are the joint and collective responsibility of the entire international community.

9. In this context, my country has, since the adoption of the GCM, developed a National Policy on Migration, and improved various legislative aspects aimed at the betterment of the conditions and treatment of immigrants as well as fostering their entrepreneurship capabilities and recognition as a source of economic vitality.

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10. Let me conclude by stressing the importance of technical assistance and institutional capacity-building, in particular to the Least Developed Countries, for an effective implementation of the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, as the challenges remain daunting.

11. I wish to reiterate Mozambique's readiness to continue implementing the Global Compact. We strongly believe it is a balanced international instrument that ensures the promotion and protection of migrant's rights.

Thank you for your attention!