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**REMARKS FROM HER EXCELLENCY HELENA
MATEUS KIDA, MINISTER OF JUSTICE,
CONSTITUTIONAL AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS FOR
THE 31ST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON CRIME
PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Vienna, May 2022

- **Mr. President, Your Excellency;**
- **Honourable Ministers, Your Excellencies;**
- **Distinguished Delegates;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen.**

It is with further honour that I once again intervene in this Forum and therefore I will start by associating myself with the previous speakers to, on behalf of the Government of Mozambique, on my behalf and the delegation that accompanies me, congratulate and thank the People and the Government of Vienna – Austria, for hosting the 31st Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, whilst thanking UNODC for the invitation made to the Government of Mozambique to attend this prestigious event which for our Government is a great priority to discuss these matters for its implementation, under the wise guidance of His Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique, who from the first moment he assumed the destiny of the country placed peace at the top of his governance priorities.

Your Excellencies

Mozambique is currently experiencing a situation that deserves special attention externally due to terrorist attacks, specifically in some districts in the north of Cabo Delgado Province, but thanks to the efforts of the Government with the support of all living forces, both regionally and internationally, the outcome of the fight against terrorism is visible in our Country with an increase in levels of security and return of internally displaced persons and refugees to areas that until about a year ago were considered unsafe.

In this context, once again we appreciate the efforts of the international community especially UNODC which through its Offices in Mozambique is working closely with our Government, providing means of work, creating conditions for training through experts, benefiting Officials of the Mozambican Criminal Justice System to strengthen their capacities to prevent, detect and investigate cases related to terrorism and its financing, which as we know represents various phenomena that include illegal migration, trafficking in arms, drugs and money laundering, namely *organized crime*.

Your Excellencies;

Thus, to conclude I wish to recognize the importance of the international cooperation as well as the need to adopt concrete measures in order to face these and other problems related to crime and criminal justice. We would like to take advantage of this moment to address words of appreciation and gratitude to all States and Cooperation Partners who have spared no efforts to cooperating on a permanent basis with the Government of Mozambique, while appealing to continue to increase your assistance to Mozambique both in the training of Human Resources and in means of work , as well as new techniques and strategies for countering terrorism, especially at this stage when our State is managing to control its spread reassuring that our Defence and Security Forces as well as the entire Justice Administration System need this support.

Thank you for your attention!