

Mozambique



**Statement by the delegation of Mozambique at the General Debate of  
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Commissioner's Program**

**Mr. Chairperson**

**Mr. High Commissioner**

**Distinguished Delegates**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

The Government of The Republic of Mozambique would like to thank the UNHCR for organizing this important event and for providing the opportunity to address crucial issues towards a better protection and assistance for forcibly displaced persons.

Allow me first, to make a reference to the opening speech of the High Commissioner, regarding to climate related displacement and natural disasters. In this regard, I would like to express my Government's sincere gratitude and appreciation to the United Nations in General, International Organizations, Governments and all individuals that stood by our country and support our people affected by the cyclones IDAI and KENNETH. The Government of Mozambique would like to highlight the visit by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the areas affected by the destructive power of cyclones. The visit provided hope and comfort to thousands of Internally Displaced Persons who lost their families and houses, and as a Government we felt the positive impacts of working together, even now as we go through reconstruction, and we are truly grateful for the support and solidarity.

The Government of Mozambique is committed to the objectives of the Global Compact for Refugees which will lead to a better protection with dignity for people who are forcibly displaced in diverse situations. Mozambique recognize the relevance of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework as a people-

centered platform that will guide the implementation of crucial aspects for a more efficient treatment of refugees regarding reception and admission, support for immediate and ongoing need, support for host countries and communities and durable solutions.

In this context, and towards these urgent goals, the Government of Mozambique has started a structural reform in the system of refugee assistance in the country, in order to create a better platform for a more efficient assistance for refugees in the context of the Global Compact on Refugees. Additionally, the Government of Mozambique is putting in place essential structures to better manage and monitor the implementation of all activities related to the Global Compact for Refugees, and one of the steps taken by the Government of Mozambique was the official endorsement of a multi-sectorial group to address the global compact matters in all its Dimensions.

In October 2013, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees called for the total commitment of the international community to end statelessness. From that moment, the Republic of Mozambique has given significant steps towards the goals set to end statelessness. In the following year, 2014, Mozambique acceded to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, and the 1954 Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, setting the milestones to better address statelessness in the country. It's with great satisfaction that we note that Mozambique has achieved significant progress towards ending statelessness, regarding to birth registration and naturalization to prevent statelessness, which covers actions from the Global Action Plan to End Statelessness (2014-2024), considering that the Mozambican law has a provision that allows to grant nationality to children born in their territory, and children born in Mozambique are benefiting from registration and nationality according to our domestic laws.

In this context, Government of Mozambique pledges to continue ensuring the implementation of this process and prevent statelessness at birth. Furthermore, the Government of Mozambique will take appropriate measures in coordination with partners, in order to expand and improve the birth registration system so that it can provide more access and wider inclusion to a larger number of people.

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In the opening statement of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, it was clearly illustrated the diverse challenges and complexities of the Global Forced Displacement which urges all countries, organizations and individuals to work closer and stronger together under a common platform to better address the common challenges we face, towards a more efficient management of forced displacement. Mozambique remains a country strongly committed to assisting and protecting forcibly displaced persons who seek asylum in our territory, and we understand that with the increased support from all the stake holder, it's possible to do more and better, for peace, prosperity, dignity and opportunity for all, as stated by Madam Deputy Secretary General in her speech.

Thank you