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Statement by the delegation of Mozambique at the Global Refugee Forum

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Respected Ministers,

Mr. High Commissioner,


Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We wish to start by expressing how honored we are to participate at the First ever Global Refugee Forum, a milestone event that ashes a new era in the protection and assistance to refugees and other persons of concern to UNHCR.

Therefore, we would like to commend the UNHCR, in the person of the High Commissioner and Secretariat, as well as the co-convener countries and other stakeholders for their tireless efforts in the preparation of this Forum.

We view the Global Refugee Forum as a follow up mechanism of the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees, which will permit us to track progress, identify drawbacks, challenges and constraints and define



appropriate strategies to tackle them, as we aim at realizing the objectives of the aforementioned Compact, towards burden sharing.


Mozambique is certain that the Global Compact on Refugees is the tool that all countries can use to improve the lives of refugees and other persons of concern to UNHCR around the world. However, for its successful implementation, it is important that structures are put in place in order to promote, prepare, and monitor all projects and actions.

In this regard, Mozambique has officially endorsed a multi-sector group to address the global compact matters in all its dimensions in strict coordination with UNHCR. With this structure, we believe that the basis for the sustainable improvement of the lives of refugees and burden sharing in Mozambique have been created.

Mr. High Commissioner,

Ladies and gentlemen

We understand that local integration, as durable solution for refugees situation, provides an opportunity for a better life for refugees, as well as for national development, since such approach affords refugees the opportunity to contribute with their skills for the development of host countries and communities. In this context, Mozambique pledges to continue the local integration practice, aiming at stronger synergies between refugees and host



communities and increase production of goods and services for the benefit of local economy, up to 2023. Furthermore, Mozambique will continue promoting refugees' access to sports practices on an inclusive and sound fashion.

To conclude, Mr. High Commissioner, we reiterate Mozambique's political resolve to contribute to the successful implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees, as we all endeavor to leave no one behind and inclusion, in the realm of 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

We thank you