



**STATEMENT BY**  
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**MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER**  
**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA ON THE NOTE**  
**ON INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION DURING THE 75<sup>TH</sup> UNHCR**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, GENEVA**  
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**Madam Chairperson,**  
**Mr. High Commissioner,**  
**Excellencies,**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen!**

The Government of Mozambique would like to echo the appeal contained in the Note on International Protection regarding the **Right to Seek and Enjoy Asylum** as the milestone towards protection of people fleeing persecutions and other events that uproots them from their homes.

Let me assure you of Mozambique's firm commitment to continue to play the role of receiving state and assistance provider for people in need of

International Protection, within the context of the Geneva Convention of 1951.

Whilst recalling that One of the primary objectives of the global compact for refugees is to facilitate **access to durable solutions**, where one of the main goals is to secure international protection, Mozambique, in line with UNHCR position believes that solutions should involve all origin, transit, host and donor countries in realizing their responsibilities within the international protection framework.

**Madam Chairperson,**

We encourage and support the UNHCR to continue mobilizing and applying its resources towards the implementation of sustainable durable solutions, with increasing focus on the impact areas of solutions, as expressed in the Global Compact for Refugees.

In this regard, we welcome the decision of the UNHCR to initiate the promotion of **voluntary repatriation** of Burundian Refugees, who represent 36% of the refugee population hosted in Mozambique.

In this regard, we would like seize this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Government of Burundi and the UNHCR for the cooperation extended to the Government of Mozambique, in facilitating the Process of Voluntary Repatriation of Burundian Refugees, to their home country.

**I thank you, Madam Chairperson!**

