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## **Mr President**

At the outset, the Mozambican delegation to the X GFMD, which is taking place in the historic and beautiful city of Berlin, warmly congratulates you, Mr. President upon your election.

We thank the Federal Republic of Germany, for the excellent reception that has been extended to us since our arrival.

We extend our greetings to all member state delegations and participants present in this great international event.

## **Mr President.**

The famous city of Berlin hosts the X GFMD, a major event, since migration issues are, today, part of the international agenda, given the migration crisis that the world is experiencing today.

Mozambique is aware of the progress that humanity has made in recent years, under the auspices of the United Nations, by considering migration as a positive phenomenon and a factor contributing to development both in the countries of origin, transit and of destination.

Guided by the 2030 agenda and the New York Declaration on Migration and Refugees, we have been participating in several International Forum to discuss ways to mitigate the suffering of thousands of migrants in the world. Indeed, Mozambique looks forward to the conclusion of the Global Compact on Migration and Development, as an instrument to preserve the human dignity and rights of migrants and refugees in the world.

Mozambique deplores all forms of discrimination and ill-treatment that migrants and refugees are subjected to, such as Xenophobia, racism, human trafficking, sexual exploitation, amongst others especially children and women.

It is our hope that, the Global Compact for Migration and Development to be discussed in this X GFMD and expected to be adopted in 2018 will undoubtedly be an instrument of defense against all the atrocities against migrants and refugees today in the world.

We reaffirm at this Forum our support to the establishment of a global compact for migrants for safe, orderly and regular migration and the other Global Compact for Refugees to enable the specific aspects to be properly addressed and defined.

We do, however, insist that the Global Compact should establish benchmarks that allow for the sharing of responsibilities between Member States for both countries of origin and countries of destination

**Mr president!**

My country joins this great international dialogue on migration and development because it is also experiencing Migration crises, resulting from political and armed conflicts, natural disasters and the effects of climate change.

Mozambique observes a cycle of regular migration of Mozambicans moving massively to neighboring countries and beyond, in search of better living and employment conditions. On the other hand, Mozambique has been receiving refugees from the region of the great lakes due to armed conflicts and today, our country is also a destination country for migrant.

Therefore, in the course of this conference, we hope to learn from the efforts of the international community to address migration issues in order to enrich the efforts we have been deploying at the level of our country and the SADC region.

There are already protocols for borders defense and guaranteeing the regular movement of people and goods in the SADC region and the protocols of the African Union that

allow the consolidation of peace and the promotion of sustainable development in our continent.

We would like this Forum to produce visible results that will alter the effects of the migration crisis in the affected areas and have greater influence. We are, yes, in agreement that there is no time for more talks. The time has come for us to act and we cannot be indifferent to the migration phenomenon that affects all the countries in the world.

**Mr. President.**

We wish to inform the X GFDM, that Mozambique has been a cyclical victim of natural disasters, such as the El nino, which has caused several damages to the infrastructures leaving the populations annually without housing.

Recently, to be precise, last Friday, Mozambique was devastated by an earthquake in the city of Beira, of 5.8 magnitude for a duration of 15 seconds.

To conclude, Mr. President, Mozambique and the entire SADC region needs technical assistance for management of the migration phenomenon for the operation of recruitment agencies, database, mapping projects, and jobs creation projects, where migrants and refugees will have access.

We wish the X GFMD successful deliberations.

**For a Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration**

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