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**Statement by H.E. Pedro Comissário, Permanent Representative of
the Republic of Mozambique to the United Nations Office in Geneva
and other International Organizations to the Second Meeting of the
Preparatory Committee of the Third United Nations World
Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for giving me the floor!

At the outset, I would like to thank Madam Margareta Wahlstrom, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction, for having organized the Second Preparatory Meeting of the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, due to take place in Sendai – Japan from 14th to 16th March 2015.

I would also like to praise the Co – Chairs of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, their Excellencies the Permanent Representatives of Finland and Thailand, for the progresses we have made in the negotiations, since last July, thanks to their able and outstanding leadership, as we strive to craft a Post – 2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction that matches the challenges we are faced with.

Amongst the progresses we have made, I highlight the consensus to the effect that disaster prone Developing and Least Developed Countries; Small Island Developing States and Landlocked

Developing Countries and Africa, at large, warrant major attention given their vulnerability, especially in those situations disasters overwhelm their capacity to respond to and recover from them.

We are crafting the Post - 2015 Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction, on the basis of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 - 2015, which for the last 10 years guided our individual and collective strategies and policies in addressing the challenges of Disaster Risk Reduction. In this vein, it is our understanding that one of the main gaps, that hindered the full realization of the targets and goals set up on the Hyogo Framework, was enhancing international cooperation.

Therefore, to better address the challenges of disasters, which tend to multiply in magnitude and frequency over time, we need to strengthen the international cooperation as well as the partnership at both international and regional levels, in line with the national priorities and needs of those countries, if we are to meaningfully achieve the goals and targets that we are in the process of setting up, in the context of the Post – 2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Mozambique, one of the southern Africa country most affected by natural disasters, is of the view that, as we negotiate the draft Framework at hand, we should also endeavor to consolidate the alignment of the latter to the Climate Changes Actions, the draft Sustainable Development Goals and the outcomes the World Humanitarian Summit. All these global processes, in the last analysis, aim at addressing the paramount, interconnected, inter related and indivisible challenges our planet is faced with. In this vein, we encourage negotiations to also take into account the need for a common timelines, especially for the Framework and the Sustainable Development Goals.

It is Mozambique understanding that Early Warning System to Disasters Risk Reduction is the best and cost effective strategy to

prevent or to mitigate the impact of natural disasters. Disaster Risk management must be an integral component of every development decision or planning and it is the responsibility for everybody.

Strengthened International Cooperation and unhindered partnership should also seek to explore avenues that lead to the institutional capacity building strengthening of the targeted countries. Thus, we should ensure that past agreements on finance, adaptation, mitigation, technology and capacity building support are implemented.

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Sendai Draft Political Declaration should reflect our unwavering political resolve in redoubling our collective efforts in reducing the risks of disasters. It should set guidance on the drafting of our policies and strategies that are up to the magnitude of challenges posed by disasters, either natural or manmade.

It is Mozambique view that the Political Declaration should also contain the following elements:

- Political Commitment to implement the Framework;
- Stress the need for an improved Early Warning Systems, given their cost-effectiveness; to disaster prevention and risk reduction;
- Explore approaches beyond those based on a limited range of environmental hazards;
- Pursue Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaption as a combined approach;

- Emphasize the need for climate change impact mitigation and adaptation, in tandem with climate changes actions framework;
- Recognize the inclusive development as a priority to developing countries, and the poverty eradication and gender equality remains overriding principles.
- Stress the strategic approach of the alignment of the Post - 2015 Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction to other international political processes, inter alia, Climate Changes Actions; Sustainable Development Goals and World Humanitarian Summit.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman