

REPÚBLICA DE MOÇAMBIQUE

Mr. Chairman

We have enrolled to speak on this topic to reiterate Mozambique's commitment and support to the primacy and need for the prevalence of the Rule of Law, at national and international levels.

We express Mozambique's alignment with the positions of the African Group (AG) and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) on this issue.

As stated in the Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations contained in document *A/77/213*¹, the challenges to the rule of law remain on almost all fronts and require joint and equally resilient responses, in defense of a multilateral system based on rules and principles generally accepted by the actors of the international system, in their mutual relations.-

the law and the guarantor institutions at national and international levels, including the necessary will and commitment of States, as well as the strengthening of international cooperation.

Emphasizing the link between the Rule of Law and the three pillars of the United Nations, namely International Peace and Security; Human Rights; and, Development, we reiterate our support for the principle of peaceful resolution of conflicts/litigation, a fundamental principle of International Law, enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

Mozambique reiterates its strong and unequivocal condemnation of terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations, whoever commits it, wherever and for whatever purpose it is committed, as it constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security.

Mozambique has, since 2017, been a direct victim of this threat

expedited. As a result, some 5,600 prisoners, mostly minor offenders, were released, reducing the occupancy rate of the prisons.

The use of technology to promote access to justice is still limited in Mozambique, but we recognise its importance as a tool that can make a huge contribution towards the attainment of this objective.

Taking advantage of the context of constraints created by the pandemic, cooperation and exchange of experiences between member states and with the United Nations should continue in this area and in others such as the adjustment of legislation, judicial sponsorship and improvement of prison infrastructure.

We conclude our statement by expressing our expectations on and welcoming the forthcoming launch of the new United Nations Vision on the Rule of Law at the national and international levels, which represents a major contribution to the work carried out by this Committee.

I thank you very much.