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MOZAMBIQUE: FOR A SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION

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REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE, HEAD OF THE MOZAMBICAN DELEGATION TO THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE TO ADOPT THE COMPACT ON
SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION

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Your Majesty King Mohammed VI;

Your Excellencies Heads of State and Government;

Your Excellency Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations;

Invited Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I would like to start by expressing, on behalf of my delegation and my own behalf, our appreciation to the people and Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for hosting important Intergovernmental Conference on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and for the warm hospitality accorded to us since our arrival in this beautiful City of Marrakesh.

Allow me, Your Excellency, to convey warm greetings and wishes of success from His Excellency *Filipe Jacinto Nyusi*, President of the Republic of Mozambique, who could not attend this important event due to agenda reasons.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

When the Heads of State and Government met in New York, on 19 September 2016, to discuss on the massive movement of migrants and refugees, they were aware of the pertinence to reflect comprehensively on human mobility, as well as on the ways to make this movement safe, regular and beneficial, by designing an international cooperation instrument consistent with the challenges related to the management of migration flows.

They were also aware of the responsibility bestowed upon them, in the face of unprecedented migration and refugees flows.

- ✓ Emphasize human dignity of migrants, in line with the three pillars of the United Nations Sustainable Development, namely economic, social development and environmental protection;
- ✓ Reiterate the need for greater coordination, cooperation and international partnership in managing the migration phenomenon, as a shared responsibility;
- ✓ Improve migration management structures at all levels, derive better profit, by making migration orderly, safe and mainstream migrants in development.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In our understanding, the Global Compact on Migrations, not being an end itself, should be taken as an opportunity to strengthen the Rule of Law at all levels, taking due regard to security matters, and making migration a benefit for all.

We hope that the ongoing reforms on the UN Development System intended to build its capacity to support Member States in the implementation of Agenda 2030 which will be rolled out from January 2019, will leverage the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration.

Mozambique as a country with a long history of migrations, be it as a country of origin, of transit or as country of destination joins the international community in promoting the protection of regular migrants, in general, regardless of their status, their return to their countries of origin and in abiding by the international law and human rights.

We reaffirm our unequivocal support to the Global Compact and we stand ready to cooperate in the management and treatment of migrants, in all dimensions, as well as benefit from the available technical assistance in this regard.

Geographic proximity, historic socio-cultural and linguistic bonds, interdependence and complementarity among SADC Member States make migrations an unavoidable factor within efforts towards deepening regional

It was against this background that they adopted the New York Declaration, expressing their political will to save lives, protect human rights and share responsibilities at the global level.

Likewise, they decided to embark on intergovernmental negotiations, aimed at setting principles and commitments on international migrations at human, community, national, regional and global dimensions. As a result of this process it is intended that a Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration be concluded and adopted.

The Global Compact arises from the recognition that migration is a development factor, with a tangible impact on the countries of origin and of accommodation.

It is the soundest collective determination to end human rights violations, through concerted actions that mitigate structural causes of migrations. The Global Compact signals our commitment to address demographic and economic imbalances, conflicts and mitigate and adapt to natural disasters resulting from the impact of climate changes.

Therefore, we consider the adoption of the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, here in Marrakesh, as a historic landmark.

With this instrument, the international community has an opportunity to establish a migrations' management mechanism that focuses on greater cooperation, harmonisation of approaches and humanization of the migration phenomenon, and derive benefits for migrants, sending, transit and receiving countries.

We congratulate ourselves for the fact that the Global Compact is in line with the Sustainable Development Goal 10.7 - Agenda 2030, as well as the African Union Agenda 2063 on international cooperation to facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration.

In this Compact on Migration, we see a singular opportunity to:

economic integration, by maximizing the contribution of migrations in the development of sending and receiving countries.

By adopting the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration we will be creating conditions for the international community to be guided by universal principles in dealing with migrations, we will, also, be working towards eliminating causes of forced migration. It also means being prepared to intensify monitoring and capacity building of Immigration Officials.

Mr President;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Recognising that challenges arising from the protection and defence of the rights of migrants are a responsibility of the whole international community, I would like to conclude by reiterating Mozambique's commitment to see a balanced international instrument that ensures the protection and more humanized treatment of migrants and a safer and more orderly and regular migration.

Thank you very much for your attention!