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**REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE**

**STATEMENT BY  
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OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**AT  
HIGH LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE  
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE QUESTION OF  
PALESTINE QUESTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE TWO STATE SOLUTION**

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*Venue: General Assembly Hall*

*United Nations, New York*

## **Distinguished Co-Chairs,**

1. Mozambique commends the convening of this timely High-Level Conference on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution in accordance with General Assembly Resolution A/RES/79/81.

2. We thank the Co-Facilitators, France and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for their exemplary leadership, and to the eight thematic groups for their diligent and invaluable work in preparing this historic gathering.

3. Mozambique fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by Uganda on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and wishes to highlight several key points in our national capacity.

## **Mr./Madam President,**

4. As we convene over these three pivotal days, the eyes of the world are upon us. There is a profound expectation rooted in justice and human dignity that we will shoulder our collective responsibility and deliver tangible, meaningful outcomes.

5. This Conference echoes events from nearly 78 years ago when the Security Council endorsed the vision of a Two-State solution in 1947 a decision intended to mark an enduring step toward the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination, freedom, peace, and justice.

6. While Israel has enjoyed the full statehood since 1948, Palestine remains a matter of deep concern and moral urgency. Palestine recognized by over 140 countries continues to await the full realization of its right to self-determination as a sovereign nation.

7. Mozambique is one of the first State to recognize the State of Palestine, in 1988, and stood firmly by its decision. We, therefore, welcome the announcement by France and the United Kingdom of the decision to recognize the State of Palestine.

8. The Palestinian people continue to endure immense suffering, humiliating military occupation, starvation used as a weapon, obstruction of humanitarian aid, the deliberate targeting of civilians, including children and the destruction of vital civilian infrastructure.

9. Our collective silence risks moral complicity and stains on our shared conscience. We must act decisively to uphold our shared legal and moral obligations under international law.

10. The United Nations' legal framework provides clear parameters for achieving peace. From the General Assembly and Security Council Resolutions to the International Court of Justice rulings, the international community has consistently reaffirmed the legal principles regarding the situation governing the situation in the Palestinian territories and the Illegality of Israel actions.

**Mr./Madam President,**

11. Mozambique firmly recalls that violence, unilateral measures, and the systematic use of force only deepen the crisis and exacerbate its far-reaching consequences. We unequivocally condemn all acts of violence, whether by Hamas or by Israel.

12. Mozambique reaffirms its principled position: a viable, lasting peace can only be achieved through the peaceful settlement of disputes and the realization of the Two-State Solution.

13. To advance this vision from rhetoric to reality, we call for the immediate implementation of the following urgent measures:

- a)** An immediate and unconditional ceasefire to create the necessary space for meaningful dialogue and humanitarian action;
- b)** The immediate and unconditional release of all hostages and arbitrarily detained persons, ensuring their safe return to their families;
- c)** The unimpeded and protected delivery of humanitarian assistance to all civilians in need;  
**and**
- d)** The full admission of Palestine as a Member State of the United Nations.

**Co-Chairs,**

14. Mozambique supports all genuine peace efforts and initiatives aimed at a peaceful settlement of the Question of Palestine particularly those led by Qatar, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United States, the League of Arab States, and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

15. As a nation with first-hand experience of the transformative power of negotiated peace settlements, Mozambique understands both the challenges and the possibilities inherent in conflict resolution. Our own journey from protracted conflict to sustainable peace

reinforces our conviction that only dialogue and compromise can lead to lasting stability.

16. The time for half-measures and empty promises is over. The Palestinian people deserve justice, dignity, and a sovereign state. The Israeli people deserve security and peace.

17. The international community now faces both a responsibility and a unique opportunity to act with resolve. Let us translate the collective commitment expressed during this Conference into meaningful action—and finally make the long-overdue Two-State Solution a reality.

**I thank You!**