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Intervention by Delegation of Mozambique
Item 7

Madame President,

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Director of the Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes
Division,

Distinguished Delegates,

Dear Colleagues

1. Since we are taking the floor for the 1st time, Mozambique Delegation would like to congratulate you Mme President for the able manner in which you are guiding the work, and extend our thanks and commend the President of this 68th session of TDB, for the commitment and good leadership on the work of this Session, in view to a successful deliberations and results of this TDB.
2. We also commend and thank the UNCTAD Secretary General, Dr Kituyi, the Secretariat as well as the various Divisions, for the tremendous work in preparing the session as well of all the valuable materials and information provided as a result of research, analysis and fact finding through which the work is based, and help us to better proceed. We also thank all the panellists on the various themes.
3. Our statement is in line with the statements presented by the Coordinators of G77 and China and Africa Groups.
4. It is with no doubt that UNCTAD has been devoting huge attention to development of activities in support of Africa. The work undertaken and being undertaken, covers multisectorial issues, needless to go one by one, as the results can be testimonied in the different countries across the different regions of Africa, during the period in revision.
5. Surely, the needs are enormous and it is of no doubt that UNCTAD efforts are also tremendous in view to respond to such a huge demand. The economic Development of Africa as a very important issue to all African Countries, leads to such a huge expectation in view to a as more technical assistance as possible, in view to progress that may help to foster industrialization, entrepreneurship development, more investment, better policies, diversification, poverty reduction and or elimination, thus, aiming at prosperity and better future for Africa.

6. Mozambique is one of the beneficiaries of UNCTAD work in support to África, in matters of industrial policy design, trade policy, diversification of products, investment and other related analysis, EMPRETEC -Women Entrepreneurship development, diversification through value chain and value addition, trade facilitation, trade remedies, just to mention some.
7. UNCTAD has continuously been assisting our countries to address challenges; thus, contributing for the economic development in Africa, to which all efforts are being devoted.
8. We stress the African Leaders assurance on the crucial role trade plays for economic development. In this context, we would also like to emphasize the importance of the UNCTAD Initiatives aiming at strengthening trade and productive integration in the Continent and in its Sub-regions. Regional Integration can, in fact help generating economies of scale, creating employment and fostering diversification and production upgrading.
9. As emphasized by the latest Trade and Development Report, more regional integration is needed in a variety of areas, taking into consideration that African Continent is up to this challenge.
10. One year ago, African Countries signed the Continental Free Trade Agreement in Kigali, but to make this historical agreement effectively work for development, more work needs to be done, and, UNCTAD is, and will be a key Partner for Africa in this respect. We urge development partners to direct the necessary resources to help UNCTAD respond to the increasing demand and expectations for more and more technical assistance and capacity building in African countries.

To conclude, Mme President, while we reiterate our gratitude to all UNCTAD Divisions for the remarkable work done and in progress and for the reports made available, we commend UNCTAD Leadership as well as the Secretariat for the tireless work in support of Africa. We equally thank the development partners, International Community and Member States that contribute in support to UNCTAD activities in support to Africa.

Thank you very much.