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Thank you, Mr. President,

We welcome the oral update of the High Commissioner. We are echoing concerns raised by the High Commissioner on the deteriorating human rights situation in Mozambique following the violent crackdown on mass protests after the announcement of the Presidential elections' results on 9 October 2024 and an increase in insurgent attacks in the province of Cabo Delgado.

The Government of Mozambique has resorted to excessive use of force, live ammunition, tear gas and armoured vehicles to quell protests. Civil society organizations report that over 600 people have been killed by police fire since October 2024, with no actions taken by the government to hold those responsible to account.

The focus shifted from Cabo Delgado after the post-electoral violence. More insurgents attacks were registered in Muidumbe, Macomia and Montepuez. In Nampula province, three insurgent attacks led hundreds of civilians to flee to Meconta. Neighboring localities such as Angoche fear escalation, and local actors face tremendous difficulties providing humanitarian assistance for displaced communities.

In this context, we call on the Office of the High Commissioner to continue monitoring closely the human rights situation in the country and provide regular updates to the Council. We also urge the Government of Mozambique to ensure timely, effective, and transparent investigation and accountability for all violations committed by security forces, provide appropriate remedies for victims, and provide adequate, regular, and sufficient humanitarian assistance to IDPs in Cabo Delgado.

We thank you.