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**Human Rights situation of internally displaced persons in Mozambique.**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

We would like to draw the Council's attention to the untenable situation in the Northern provinces of Mozambique where more than 1 million displaced people see their human rights violated, including their right to food and housing.

The conflict raging there continues to generate massive population displacement and the destruction of the means of food production in a region already disrupted by the sudden and slow onset events linked to climate change. This multifaceted crisis has left more than 1.1 million people in acute food insecurity. The situation is particularly tragic in the IDP camps, where there is limited land available and a lack of food aid. This is for example the case in the Corrane camp in Nampula, hosting 7,000 people. According to our sources the camp has not received any food aid from the World Food Program since December 2022 and local food production covers only 30 percent of the population's needs.

The right to housing of IDPs is also severely affected. People returning to their places of origin find their homes and infrastructure destroyed. In IDP camps, observers report that the houses built have been seriously damaged because the materials used are not adapted to the climatic conditions. This is the case in Corrane camp, where the situation is causing tensions between communities.

We therefore urge the government of Mozambique and the international community to comply with international human rights and humanitarian law obligations to respect and protect the rights of civilians, as well as to provide humanitarian assistance in Cabo Delgado, also in line with Security Council resolution 2417.

I thank you.