



**60th session of the Human Rights Council
Item 4: General Debate
Human rights situation in Mozambique**

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Mr. President,

We wish to bring to the attention of the Council the worsening human rights situation of internally displaced persons in Cabo Delgado and Nampula, Mozambique.

More than half a million are internally displaced and continue to face widespread human rights violations, including a lack of access to food, clean water, land, education, and livelihoods, compounded by the impacts of extreme weather events¹. International funding cuts for humanitarian aid is worsening the situation.

Meanwhile, insurgent attacks flared up in Chiure², causing 40,000 persons to flee, and reports of killings near Afungi³, which hosts the Mozambique Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)⁴ project site, emerged.

Prioritization of securing economic sites over civilian protection, and unpredictability of insurgent attacks create an untenable situation for civilians, particularly for women at risk of gender-based violence, and children vulnerable to recruitment by non-state armed groups, in a conflict area with limited access and reporting.

The decision to resume the Mozambique LNG project is worrying due to the lack of proper assessment of the project's harms and connection with human rights violations. Extractive projects like Mozambique LNG and Mphanda Nkuwa mega-dam pose social and environmental risks, lack

¹ Cyclones Chido (December 2024), Dikeledi (January 2025), and Jude (March 2025)

² <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/08/1165560>

³ <https://timesdetodos.com/2025/08/28/novo-ataque-em-palma-insurgentes-matam-civis-perto-do-acampamento-da-totalenergies/>

⁴ TotalEnergies is a majority shareholder in this project: TotalEnergies holds a 26.5% stake in the project, alongside partners such as the Japanese group Mitsui (20%) and the Mozambican state-owned company ENH (15%). https://stopmozgas.org/report/za-public-funding-mozambique-gas/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

proper consultation, inadequate compensation and resettlement plans, and are leaving communities without land and livelihoods.

While reiterating recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on human rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs)⁵, we call on the Human Rights Council (HRC) to monitor and provide updates on the human rights situation in Mozambique and on the Government of Mozambique to ensure unimpeded and continuous humanitarian aid in Cabo Delgado and Nampula, and civilian protection in accordance with international law, including by regulating transnational corporations operating in conflict-areas and in the country, and constructively engaging in the negotiations for a human rights binding treaty to regulate transnational corporations.

We thank you

⁵ A/HRC/56/47/Add.1