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**Statement by H.E. Pedro Comissário, Permanent Representative of  
the Republic of Mozambique to the United Nations Office in Geneva  
and other International Organizations to the Second Meeting of the  
Preparatory Committee of the Third United Nations World  
Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction**

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Thank you, distinguished Co-Chairs!

I align my statement with the one delivered by Namibia, on behalf of the African Group.

At the outset, I wish to congratulate the Co – Chairs of the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction on your untiring efforts, engagement and leadership in the negotiating process.

We pay tribute to Miss Margareta Wahlstrom, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction, for her commitment and devotion to the preparation of the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Mozambique praises her enormous efforts for the success of the Sendai Conference, next March 2015.

We express our appreciation to Ambassador Wayne McCook for the excellent role he played as the Facilitator of the Informal Working Group on Targets and Indicators.

Co-Chairs,

We note that since July, a great deal of progress has been made in our work. In this context, we thank you for the Zero Draft you submitted to this session of the Preparatory Committee. The Draft, in its entirety, and the guiding principles contained therein constitute, in our view, a good basis for our collective work.

One such principle is international cooperation. Even if each state has the primary responsibility for addressing its challenges, our experience in Mozambique, and certainly that of many other countries, tells us that the role of international cooperation is crucial, if we want the post-2015 framework for disaster reduction to succeed.

Collective vision requires collective effort. This should be one of the most important lessons that we must draw from the Hyogo Framework for Action which for the last 10 years has guided our individual and collective strategies and policies in addressing the challenges of Disaster Risk Reduction.

Strengthened International Cooperation should ensure that past agreements on finance, adaptation, mitigation, technology and capacity building support are implemented.

Like others that preceded me, we wish to re-affirm that, as we negotiate the draft Framework at hand, we should also endeavor to consolidate the alignment of the latter to the Climate Change Actions, the draft Sustainable Development Goals and the prospective outcomes of the World Humanitarian Summit.

In Mozambique, we place disaster management at the center of our policy decision-making process. In this connection, we attach great importance to the Early Warning System to Disasters Risk Reduction. It is an important and cost-effective strategy to prevent or to mitigate the impact of natural disasters.

Finally, we wish to express our support for the outline of the draft elements of the Sendai Declaration, introduced here, today, by the distinguished delegation of Japan. It is the considered view of Mozambique that the Sendai Declaration should, above all, reflect our unwavering political resolve in redoubling our collective efforts in reducing the risks of disasters.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman