



**Statement of the Delegation of  
The Republic of Mozambique**

**by**

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**Mr. President**

**Mr. Secretary-General**

**Distinguished Delegates,**

**Ladies and gentlemen.**

I begin by expressing our condolences to the Government and people of the Republic of France, for the Nice tragedy.

Being this the first intervention of the Mozambican delegation in this XXII session of the Authority, my voice joins those of previous speakers in congratulating you, Mr. President, on your election to the Presidency of the Assembly, as well as the Members of the Bureau. My delegation assures you of its full support and cooperation on the conduct of the proceedings of the Assembly during your term of office.

**Mr. President;**

In addressing issues of substance contained in the Secretary-General's report and other of general nature, my delegation aligns itself with the intervention made yesterday by South Africa on behalf of the African Group.

As a coastal State with a potential extended continental shelf, Mozambique has an enormous expectation on the developments relating to the prospection, exploration and exploitation of mineral resources in the seabed as one among many oceans' sources of economic development.

My delegation takes note of the remarkable work carried out by the Authority and its achievements related to the fact that six of the fifteen pioneer investors contracts signed with the Authority have come to an end on March this year and the others will remain in force until March 2017, which enhanced the level of knowledge that we have today about the potential of seabed mining, as one relevant indicator of how far this entity has gone to date.

The report of the Secretary General contains information on Workshops, sensitization seminars and training programmes carried out during the period under review. These are very important tools of dissemination of information on the work of the Authority. Therefore, my delegation would encourage the Secretariat of the Authority to continue with its efforts directed to this segment, both in the interaction with the contractors as well as with the member States and other stakeholders in view to promote marine scientific research, capacity building and transfer of marine technology for developing States in the field of deep sea research.

**Mr. President;**

My delegation would like to express its commitment to the fundamental principles embodied in the Convention such as the “*geographical equitable distribution*” in the composition of organs and/or subsidiary bodies within the framework of the UNCLOS.

We would like to appeal to the members of the Authority to keep up with efforts in maintaining their participation in the sessions of the Authority, as to ensure legitimacy of this organ’s deliberations and the strengthening of the recognition of its work.

As I conclude my statement, Mr. President, I would like to thank the African Group for the confidence and honor conferred to my delegation, expressed through the nomination of Mr. Eugenio Muianga to the post of Vice-President and to all participating delegations in general for his subsequent election to the Bureau of this 22nd session’s Assembly.

I thank you all, for your attention!

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