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**Item 6:  
Consideration of UPR reports**

**MOZAMBIQUE**

Mr President,

Amnesty International welcomes Mozambique’s engagement with the Universal Periodic Review and its support for a number of important recommendations, including the ratification of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Mozambique has stated that it has already implemented - or is in the process of implementing – 92 of the 169 recommendations made to it in the Working Group. We welcome in particular Mozambique’s indication that it supports and is implementing a range of recommendations to investigate all cases of arbitrary detention, torture and ill-treatment, and excessive use of force by the police, and to bring the perpetrators to justice.<sup>1</sup>

We urge Mozambique to ensure prompt implementation of these recommendations, which are particularly pertinent in light of the findings by Amnesty International, over a number of years, of unlawful killings, torture and ill-treatment and excessive use of force by the police in Mozambique in the context of public gatherings. As recently as 5 March 2011, police officers killed a man in his home in Nampula city in what appears to be an extrajudicial execution. The police claimed that he was a criminal; however, no investigation appears to have been carried out and the police officers involved in this incident have not been brought to justice.

Mr President,

Amnesty International also welcomes Mozambique’s undertaking to take further steps to prevent ill-treatment of prisoners and to bring prison conditions into compliance

<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/17/16, paragraphs 89.53-89.64



with international legal standards.<sup>2</sup> We continue to receive reports of torture and ill-treatment in places of detention, which sometime result in the death of detainees.

Finally, we welcome Mozambique's indications, in the Addendum, that procedures are underway for the ratification of human rights treaties and that action has been taken to give effect to the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers.<sup>3</sup>

Thank you, Mr President

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<sup>2</sup> Ibid, paragraphs 89.21-89.24

<sup>3</sup> A/HRC/17/16/Add.1, paragraphs 6, 7 and 10.

