



My name is Clodoaldo Castiano and I stand here in representation of FAMOD. FAMOD is the Forum of Disabled Persons Organizations of Mozambique, having as its main objective to coordinate and represent organizations of persons with disabilities in Mozambique, in which realm this statement will be focused.

The state of Mozambique has made some progress regarding the implementation of the rights of persons with disabilities since the last UPR revision, particularly fighting violence against persons with albinism causing the number of attacks to drop considerably. However, this and other human rights issues remain a challenge for persons with disabilities in Mozambique.

As part of this statement, we underline that progress towards alignment of national policies, legislation and institutions to the obligations under the Convention on the Right of Persons with Disabilities has been too slow. The national constitution, sector legislation and various public services, including mental health, are still using approaches that are contrary to the human rights of persons with disabilities.

Therefore we call the states to adopt the following recommendations:

- Adopt a national law on the rights of pwd that is aligned to the CRPD
- To conduct a thorough revision of national policies, legislation and services to be more compliant to human rights standards
- To ratify the Protocol to African Charter on the Rights Persons with Disabilities.

Thank you