“The Future We Want the United Nations We Need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism”.

Statement by His Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique at the High-Level Meeting to Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations

Maputo, 21st September 2020
Mr President of the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly;

Mr Secretary General of the United Nations;

Your Excellences Heads of State and Government;

Ladies and Gentlemen!

It is with a great honour that on behalf of the Mozambican People and on my own behalf, I extend our warm congratulations to our Community for the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Organization. Indeed, awareness of no to wars reigns in all Member States worldwide, despite the fact that localized armed conflicts persist.

The United Nations family has grown from 51 to 193 Member States, having already served as a sustenance for the decolonization of peoples, the end of the cold war, the emergence of a multipolar world and other events that show the unquestionable relevance of our universal organization.

It was in compliance with the principles of our *Magna Charta* that decolonization became part of the international agenda, enabling the independence of African and Asian countries in the 1960s and beyond, including Mozambique.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The theme of this commemoration prompts us to reflect on the path and challenges that still prevail, as well as on the need for greater engagement by States towards achieving the commitments that were behind the establishment of this largest world organization.
Another challenge currently is related to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals or the Agenda 2030, whose targets are incorporated in our 2020-2024 Government’s Five-Year Programme.

In this regard, Mozambique submitted her National Voluntary Report on the Sustainable Development Goals in July 2020, as a sign of our commitment to this international instrument, because it ensures the sustainability of the planet and the future of other generations. This is the future we want; this is the unity of States that we need.

Mr President, Dear Peers

As we celebrate 45 years of cooperation between Mozambique and the United Nations, we would like to reaffirm our commitment to the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter. We are, for this and other reasons of our history, eternally for a world of peace and harmony through multilateral consultation.

Despite the constraints the United Nations is faced with, through its agencies it is the greatest protector of millions of vulnerable people around the world, therefore, we commend its staff and volunteers.

To conclude, I wish to reiterate our commitment to multilateralism in addressing matters of interest to the Global Society and in favour of a stable world and progress for all.

Thank you very much for your attention!