Maputo, 7th July, 2016

Mr, Secretary General

I have the honour to refer to the letter by Mr. David Nabarro, Special Adviser on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Climate Change, dated 25 April 2016, inviting the Government of the Republic of Mozambique to announce its commitment in support of the updated Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescent’s Health.

The submission of national commitments is not only a moral obligation for all countries but also critical for the implementation of sustainable development goals in as far as the improvement of women, children and adolescents’ health is concerned.

In view of the above and given the importance of the Global Strategy as a facility to mobilise additional domestic and international, private and public resources for women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health, I would like to renew Mozambique’s support to this global effort and share herewith my government commitments in this regard.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

The President of the Republic

Filipe Jacinto Nyusi

Mr. BAN Ki-moon
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NEW YORK
Subject: Pledges of support to the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health by Mozambique

Excellency,

The launch of The Global Strategy for Woman's, Children's and Adolescents' Health in 2010, was a crucial milestone to accelerate progress in the health sector in the world and Mozambique started designing strategies and policies to meet the set goals.

Despite progress made to meet effectively the goals as established by the Millennium Development Agenda within the framework of the new approach of Post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda challenges still persist.

In addition, I would like to emphasise that the Government of Mozambique places Reproductive Health on the top of its priorities and has been making efforts to increase national funding to health over the last decade. Mozambique has been implementing several strategies to address women, new-born, children and adolescent's health requirements. Such strategies include universal and free access to emergency obstetric care, family planning with long acting methods, as well as working at community level to curb early marriages.
In this regard, we would like to pledge our unequivocal support to the Global Strategy for women’s, newborn, children and adolescent’s Health (2016-30) as a global effort to bring together all stakeholders in support of our work to improve women’s, children’s and adolescent’s health and wellness.

The Government of Mozambique commits to take sustainable action required to end all preventable deaths of women, children, and adolescent within a generation and ensure their wellness as a global effort through the following:

   a) Continue to provide universal and free access to integrated sexual and reproductive health services and to emergency obstetric care;

   b) Expand access to Reproductive, Maternal, Child, Neonatal and Adolescent Health services through multidisciplinary community health workers and Midwives;

   c) Scale up family planning services with focus on the adolescent needs (improve choice and availability of long acting and permanent methods) to increase contraceptive prevalence rate;

   d) Ensure universal use of Integrated Management of Childhood diseases and maintain the decline rate of neonatal and infant mortality;

   e) Increase public expenditure on health from 42 USD to 47 USD per capita by 2020;
f) Increase national budget dedicated to health from 10.2% to 12.7% by 2020 with particular focus on woman children, adolescent with emphasis in the area of HIV;

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration

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