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Presentation

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Mr Chairman,

Ladies and Gentlemen;

- i. It is great honour and privilege for me to have the opportunity of addressing you this afternoon. Allow, at this juncture, to convey to you greetings from the Mozambican People and Government, and the best wishes for success in your deliberations!
- ii. Mozambique had a great honour and privilege of hosting last 28-30 March 2007, the II Forum of Energy Ministers of Africa (FEMA) to address the critical issue of **ENERGY SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN AFRICA;**
- iii. As expected, the Conference provided a high-level forum for Ministers to articulate a policy and investment framework for scaling-up energy access in Africa;

- iv. It is our view that the forum has helped establish a strategic platform between African nations and their development partners to accelerate access to modern energy in order to boost economic and social growth, reduce poverty and attain the MDGs;
- v. One of the major outcomes of the conference was the adoption of an African position on energy security and sustainability, contained in the “Maputo FEMA Ministerial Declaration on Energy Security and Sustainability in Africa”, which I have honour and privilege to introduce to you today;
- vi. This document aims at reflecting the concerns of our countries and those of our development partners, as well as the set of concrete actions that need to be undertaken, with the objective of achieving high levels of access to energy on our continent;

During the discussions leading to the adoption of the Maputo Declaration on Energy Security and Sustainability in Africa, a consensus was reached on the urgency and the need to:

- i. Increase access to modern energy services, which are crucial for development and associated productive activities, as well as for addressing the significant negative health and environmental implications of heavy reliance on traditional biomass energy sources, affecting mostly women and children;
- ii. Utilize Africa’s abundant energy resources, which are currently either under-exploited or exported in their raw form, without benefiting the vast majority of Africa’s citizens;

- iii.** Promote a better mix of energy supply options, ranging from existing conventional systems to renewable energy sources, with the aim of strengthening Africa's energy security, currently threatened by climate change phenomena, as well as volatile and high oil prices;
- iv.** Exploit oil and gas resources in a manner that has direct positive impacts on Africa's sustainable development and on meeting MDGs, as well as adopt best practices with respect to equity and benefit-sharing in exploration, production and use of energy resources, particularly oil and gas;
- v.** Prioritize energy in national budget allocations as well as liaise with Ministers of Environment to better use existing carbon finance mechanisms for developing the energy sector;
- vi.** Support and expand energy financing initiatives such as the African Petroleum Fund, to be used for development of both efficient supply and end-use of energy;
- vii.** Re-assessing past energy sector reforms to develop more appropriate options that better reflect African countries' specific characteristics, with the aim of attracting both local and foreign investment, as well as improve the performance of the energy sector;
- viii.** Strengthen national and regional level energy planning and project analysis capacity and skills that can ensure proper management of energy sector;

In Maputo, the Ministers agreed to:

- i.** Take the lead in developing energy programmes to address the energy security and sustainability and prioritize energy in their Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs);
- ii.** Urge their development partners to support their new approach by providing coordinated responses to their needs, especially in terms of financial assistance and capacity-building ;
- iii.** Strengthen national and regional level energy planning and project analysis capacity and skills that can ensure proper management of the energy sector;
- iv.** Continue aggressive promotion of regional initiatives, intra-Africa energy trading, as well as establish coordination mechanisms that would align and complement those initiatives and activities;
- v.** Re-assess past energy sector reforms to develop more appropriate options, with a view to improving the energy sector;
- vi.** Establish a conducive regulatory environment and consolidate national planning to attract local and foreign investment and ensure proper donor assistance in poverty reduction;
- vii.** Support energy financing initiatives and optimize the benefits from the exploitation of energy resources for Africa's sustainable development ;

- viii.** Continue to ensure greater involvement of FEMA member countries in the activities of FEMA and consolidate FEMA into an efficient institution which works in close cooperation with existing regional structures.

?????? We believe that with this roadmap we have opportunity to share efforts in common goal - the global sustainable development

**I Thank you for the opportunity and we look forward to your continuous support and cooperation??????.**