

REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

Statement

By Her Excellency, Maria Benvinda Delfina Levi, Prime-Minister of the Republic of Mozambique, at the Plenary Session of the Second World Summit for Social Development

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Your Excellency, President of the Eightieth Session of the United Nations General Assembly;

Your Excellency, Secretary-General of the United Nations;

Distinguished Heads of Delegations;

Excellencies,

For Mozambique, it is a great honour to participate in this Summit, which brings together the entire international community, with the aim of discussing a topic of great importance for the process of inclusive development of our countries, in a context where the world faces diverse and growing challenges.

We congratulate the people and government of Qatar for hosting this Summit, and we express our gratitude for the reception and hospitality we have received since our arrival in this beautiful city of Doha.

Mozambique aligns itself with the statements delivered by Iraq, on behalf of the Group of Seventy-Seven plus China (G77 + China), as well as Kenya, on behalf of the African group.

Excellencies,

The significant economic, social, and technological advances seen globally in recent decades are not yet producing the desired impact on social development, given that millions of people from different parts of the world remain on the brink of poverty and social exclusion.

Therefore, Mozambique considers this Summit an excellent opportunity to reaffirm the 10 commitments we collectively made at the Copenhagen Summit in 1995, as well as to renew our determination to accelerate actions towards poverty eradication, the promotion of full employment and decent work, and social inclusion.

We must remain focused on building just, inclusive, and resilient societies in the face of current challenges, in order to ensure that no one is left behind and that all people can live with dignity and have access to equal opportunities.

We welcome the work that the various United Nations agencies have been carrying out in the context of poverty eradication, assisting in the promotion of public development policies in various parts of the world, including Mozambique.

This action by the United Nations strengthens the spirit of solidarity and multilateralism, which are essential factors for us to jointly forge a path towards more inclusive and sustainable economic and social development.

Excellencies,

Since the Copenhagen Summit in 1995, and despite several structural challenges, Mozambique has made progress in economic and social development, which we consider unsatisfactory given that many Mozambicans still live on the brink of extreme poverty.

To reverse this situation, we have implemented cross-cutting measures and actions included in our long-, medium-, and short-term programmatic instruments (ENDE 2025-2044, PQG 2025-2029, and PESOE 2025) with the ultimate goal of ensuring that conditions are created to improve the lives of the population.

To this end, our main priorities include, among others, the maintainance of peace, stability, equity, justice, and diversifying our economy, prioritizing sectors with high potential to generate more jobs and income for our citizens, without neglecting social sectors such as education, health, social protection, water supply, and sanitation.

It is our conviction that this approach will enable the social and economic transformation of Mozambique, contributing to the construction of a better, more prosperous and equitable future for the Mozambican people.

To conclude, I would like to express Mozambique's support for the Doha Declaration, which, in addition to reaffirming the commitments made in Copenhagen thirty years ago, is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you very much for your attention!