

# **REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE**

Intervention Proposal by His Excellency Jerónimo Chivavi at the Sixth United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)

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## **Excellencies**,

## **Distinguished representatives**

## **Esteemed Delegates**,

### Ladies and Gentlemen,

- As we gather for the Sixth United Nations Environment Assembly, it's an honor to stand before you on behalf of the Republic of Mozambique. Our presence here underscores our unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable development.
- 2. Let me extend warm greetings from His Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of Mozambique, and Her Excellency Ivete Maibaze, Minister of Land and Environment. Their unwavering dedication speaks volumes about our nation's resolve to tackle pressing environmental challenges head-on.
- 3. I want to express heartfelt gratitude to the UNEA Secretariat, the Government of Kenya, and all contributors for their tireless efforts in organizing this critical assembly. Your hard work has laid the foundation for constructive dialogue and tangible progress.
- 4. My sincere commendations to all members and partners for their diligent work in crafting the foundational documents that guide our discussions in this Assembly. Your commitment to advancing environmental agendas serves as a beacon of hope for global cooperation.

- 5. The periodic convening of this assembly reaffirms our collective commitment to prioritize environmental concerns. It's a testament to our shared responsibility to safeguard our planet for future generations. Together, we stand united in pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals, knowing that our actions today shape the world of tomorrow.
- 6. Mozambique places paramount importance on sustainable resource management and environmental protection. We recognize that these efforts are not only crucial for poverty reduction but also for fostering development, peace, and stability within our nation.
- 7. We acknowledge the urgent need to address climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. These challenges demand bold and decisive action. Mozambique advocates for a just transition to a circular economy, benefiting both our people and our planet.
- 8. Mozambique is proactively revising legislation to align with current environmental challenges, particularly in response to recurring tropical cyclones. However, legislative changes must be supported by adequate funding to ensure effective implementation.
- 9. While progress has been made in disaster risk management, we recognize that more efforts are needed to strengthen the resilience of vulnerable communities. Let's invest in preparedness, mitigation, and response measures to safeguard lives and livelihoods.

- Mozambique strongly advocates for multilateral funding mechanisms to address "loss and damage" caused by climate change. Such support is critical for mitigating the environmental crises facing our nation and others worldwide.
- 11. Plastic pollution poses a grave threat to our oceans and ecosystems. Mozambique urges comprehensive measures to reduce plastic usage and invest in sustainable alternatives. Let's take urgent action to preserve our natural heritage for future generations.
- 12. As a developing nation, Mozambique remains open to support aimed at enhancing our capacity in disaster preparedness, biodiversity conservation, and pollution control. We recognize the importance of international cooperation in tackling global environmental challenges.
- 13. We applaud the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework for its commitment to protecting biodiversity and ensuring equitable benefit-sharing. This framework represents a significant step forward in our collective efforts to safeguard our planet's rich biodiversity.
- 14. Addressing environmental crises requires integrated solutions and increased support for developing countries in their transition to sustainable energy sources. Mozambique stands ready to collaborate with partners to achieve our shared environmental goals.
- 15. We commend the vital role of UNEP in providing up-to-date information and implementing actionable solutions to environmental

challenges. Your tireless efforts are instrumental in advancing global environmental agendas.

16. As we conclude this assembly, let us not merely speak but act decisively. May this gathering serve as a catalyst for tangible commitments and transformative actions. Together, let's renew our dedication to safeguarding our planet for future generations.

Thank you

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