



REPÚBLICA DE MOÇAMBIQUE

Mr. President;

Your Excellencies;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I feel greatly honoured and privileged to address you today in this historic city of Vienna, which is one of the traditional fora of the world, for political and social debates, exchange of views and confrontation of ideas, for a just and stable world.

Allow me to express, on behalf of the people and Government of Mozambique and on my own behalf, our deepest appreciation to the Government of Austria for hosting the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and the United Nations for organising this important meeting.

Mr. President;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

As the world continues to struggle for justice, peace and for the prevention of crime, in the course of this meeting we will have the opportunity to evaluate our current strategies in combating crime and adopt new methods to deal with this phenomenon, within the new context of globalisation and high level of technology.

The very objective of this exercise is to find common strategies to face the new challenges of the new millennium.

Mr. President;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

The consolidation process of democracy, justice and the rule of law in Mozambique, impose the establishment and creation of better opportunities in order to reduce crime, injustice and social exclusion. Therefore, my Government gives special attention to those citizens for accessing justice, promoting at sometime, the disseminating of the various legislation and submitting special training for police, so that, the rule of law be respected.

Mr. President;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

We are dealing today with very sophisticated transnational criminal groups, of trafficking human beings, especially women and children.

These Criminal groups also smuggle arms and ammunitions, launder huge sums of money and they are also, involved in corruption, fraud and traffic in illegal drugs, and other danger and illegal materials.

It is recognised that since long ago these people deal with public servants, politicians and businessman. In order to realise their objectives they, where they deem necessary, murder innocent people.

My Government is acting at national, sub-regional and international levels, in controlling and combating these criminal groups.

At national level, my Government has passed some laws against some related activities of those Criminal Groups.

At the sub-regional level, we are also, member states of Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), drafting and approving some Conventions, Protocols and other type of agreements, in order to prevent, control and combat those Criminal Groups and, as well as, their criminal activities.

In so doing that, we are committing ourselves to enhance international action against transnational organised crime.

Mr. President;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Indeed it is in a difficult moment for the people and Government of Mozambique that I am addressing your Excellencies in this great event.

The floods aggravated by "Eline and Hudah" Cyclones showed grief and mourning to Mozambican families and destroyed houses, cultivated lands, schools, some buildings, roads, bridges, just to mention some.

I would like to seize this opportunity in name of the Government and in my own behalf express our sincere gratitude for all Countries and Governments, NonGovernmental Organisations and the Civil Society here represented for their demonstrated solidarity and help to the victims of this great tragedy.

We expect that the International Donors Conference to be held on 26-27 April, this year in Rome-Italy, under the auspices of United Nations in collaboration with the Italian Government, the support to be conceded will be extensive to reconstruction post emergency.

We are going to strive so that every possible infrastructure destroyed is recovered, at the sometime we proceed with our aim to fulfil Governments program in order to develop the country.

However, I wish to conclude by assuring that Mozambique is fully committed to implement all United Nations Conventions on Prevention of Crime, Transitional Organised Crime, Trafficking in Drugs, Firearms and Human Beings and, to pursue a sustainable system of democracy, Justice, peace, development and poverty eradication by acting together with fellow Countries, International Organisations, NonGovernmental Organisations as well as with forces of Civil Society, through the various mechanisms of international, regional and sub-regional co-operation.

I thank you!

Muito Obrigado.