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Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great honour that I address this distinguished audience on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Mozambique, here at the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025.

Allow me to begin by expressing our sincere appreciation to the **Government and People of Azerbaijan** for their warm hospitality and for hosting this important global conference that brings us together in pursuit of **universal and meaningful connectivity for all.**

Mozambique has entered a new and ambitious era of digital transformation. Earlier this year, our Government established the Ministry of Communications and Digital Transformation, reaffirming our commitment to build a modern, secure, and inclusive digital ecosystem that benefits every citizen.

Through this Ministry, we are implementing strategic programmes that expand access, strengthen digital governance, and stimulate innovation. Among them is:

- 1. The **ThinkLab Moçambique Innovation Hub**, launched in September 2025 to empower **young entrepreneurs and digital creators**, fostering creativity, entrepreneurship, and skills for the digital economy;
- 2. The Internet for All (I4ALL) Initiative, to expanding broadband connectivity nationwide, by providing free internet access in public schools, and establishing digital plazas and digital libraries across all provinces, ensuring that learning, knowledge, and opportunity are within everyone's reach.

- 3. The Communications Statistical Portal, an online platform launched by the Mozambican National Regulatory Authority (INCM), that provides open, reliable, and up-to-date data on the communications sector, strengthening transparency, evidence-based policymaking, and investor confidence, while supporting regional and global benchmarking in line with ITU standards.
- 4. The Big Data project, launched in partnership with national security and emergency response public institutions, harnessing data analytics and artificial intelligence to support earlywarning systems and disaster-risk management. By leveraging data, we are enhancing resilience and protecting our communities from the growing impacts of climate change.

Excellencies,

Mozambique firmly believes that digital inclusion and data-driven governance are central to sustainable development. We continue to invest in infrastructure, cybersecurity, digital literacy, geospatial intelligence and local innovation,

ensuring that connectivity leads to tangible socioeconomic transformation.

We also recognize the importance of **partnerships**. Mozambique stands ready to collaborate with all ITU Member States, partners, and the private sector to accelerate the implementation of the **WTDC-25 Action Plan**, advancing global efforts toward inclusive, innovative, and sustainable digital development.

Together, let us build a connected, resilient, and inclusive digital future for all.

Thank you.