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**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE
GLOBAL INITIATIVE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW
WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of the Republic of Mozambique, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the International Committee of the Red Cross **and the founding States for establishing this Global Initiative and for the opportunity to participate in this important Consultation Group.**

At a time when armed conflicts continue to generate severe humanitarian consequences, this Initiative represents a timely and valuable opportunity to strengthen **respect for International Humanitarian Law and to promote more effective international cooperation in the protection of civilians.**

Mozambique considers that respect for International Humanitarian Law is not only a legal **obligation but also a fundamental pillar for conflict prevention, the protection of human dignity, and the consolidation of lasting peace.**

Our country's **experience from the national reconciliation process following the civil war to the current security challenges in Cabo Delgado Province** has reinforced our conviction that **compliance with International Humanitarian Law must go hand in hand with dialogue, confidence-building, and sustainable peace efforts.**

It is in this spirit that Mozambique has a particular interest in this Pillar on **"International Humanitarian Law and Sustainable Peace,"** as we believe that the protection of civilians and respect for humanitarian norms are indispensable elements of any successful stabilization and peacebuilding process.

At the national level, Mozambique **has continued to strengthen its institutional framework for the implementation of International Humanitarian Law through the Interministerial Commission on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law,** reaffirming its commitment to fulfilling its international obligations.

Mozambique stands ready to contribute actively to the work of this Initiative and to share its experiences in support of the effective implementation of International Humanitarian Law.

I thank you for your kind attention.