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STATEMENT

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Mr. President

Mozambique wishes to thank the Russian Federation for organizing this Arria Formula Meeting, which offers insights and perspectives on the root causes of the ongoing conflict.

It is the humble understanding of this delegation that identifying the reasons as to why we find ourselves in the present circumstances, is critical to reduce tensions and ultimately paving the way for a lasting solution.

In fact, the 2015 Minsk Agreement, that was framed in that vein, can serve as a basis upon which the involved parties in the present conflict can draw lessons from.

Mozambique believes that negotiations, compromise, a people-centered dialogue and taking cognizance of the underlying cultural, historical and identity

issues exposed by the present conflict can lead to a lasting solution accommodating the desire for autonomy and security of the relevant parties involved.

Mozambique is of the view that all misunderstandings and the divergent interpretations of the initial reasons for the collapse of dialogue can only be overcome by the examination of the root causes rather than via the treatment of the symptoms.

I thank you.