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SECOND KENYA-MOZAMBIQUE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) CONSULTATIONS – MAPUTO, JULY, 18TH- 20TH, 2022

As part of the ongoing joint consultations between the UN Security Council delegations of Kenya and Mozambique, the Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Amb. Macharia Kamau, CBS, graced the talks in Maputo on Wednesday, 20 July, 2022.

These consultations follow previous such talks that were held in Nairobi from **11th-14th April, 2022**, following a request by the Government of Mozambique for Kenya to share the experiences accrued as a non-permanent member of the Council. Mozambique will be joining the Council on January 1, 2023, taking over from Kenya following a 2-year tenure as an elected member of the UN Security Council.

The Kenyan delegation that led by Amb. Michael Oyugi, the Director-General for Foreign Service Academy (FSA), consisted of officials from the Ministry Headquarters and from the Kenya's delegation to the UN Security Council in New York. Ambassador António Macheve, Director of Africa and Middle East at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique led a Mozambican delegation that consisted of officials from various Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Government of Mozambique.

Amb. Macharia Kamau expressed his gratitude to his counterpart, Permanent Secretary **H.E. Mr. Francisco Neto Novela**, for the warm hospitality extended to him and the delegation of Kenya. Amb. Kamau reiterated the importance of continuous and deliberate sharing views and experiences by African countries in the Council, noting that integrating of African efforts was crucial in creating synergies vital for non-permanent members of the Council. In addition, the Principal Secretary commended the Mozambican government's initiative and determination to adequately prepare her UN Security Council Global teams before the country's deserved installation in January of 2023.



Similarly, Amb. Kamau reiterated the importance of proper coordination and communication between various government stakeholders for an effective whole-of-government approach to Council affairs.

On his part, **Permanent Secretary Novela** thanked his counterpart, Amb. Kamau, and the delegation of Kenya for the continued and active willingness to share experiences and lessons learnt at the Council that was crucial in easing Mozambique's entry processes to the Council. Permanent Secretary Novela further pointed out that his government remained committed to continual Council collaborations with Kenya, pointing out that this was the right way to ensure a strong African voice at the Council.

During the consultations, Amb. Paul Ndungu presented his diplomatic credentials to His Excellency President Filipe NYUSI, as Kenya's High Commissioner to Mozambique for deeper and continued bilateral ties between the two countries.

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