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(Mozambican Association of Judges)

Report to the African Regional Group of the International Association of Judges

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Your Excellency Secretary General of the International Association of Judges, **Mr. Giacomo Oberto**

Your Excellency President of the African Regional Group of the International Association of Judges, **Ms. Marcelle Kouassi**

Your Excellency President of the National Association of Trial Judges of Libéria, **Ms. Nancey Sammy**

Dear colleagues

All protocol observed

It is with greater honor and satisfaction that we address Your Excellencies at this moment, in representation of the Mozambican Association of Judges (AMJ).

Our association of judges is a legal entity governed by private law, founded in 2004, whose main objective in its creation is the representation of the class and the fight for the rights of judges.

Last year, our association held elections to choose new representatives. The elected bodies immediately took office.

The current team of the social bodies of our association continued the work done by the previous team, having highlighted, among other aspects, the fight for the materialization of judges' rights.

Essentially, from the analysis we have been doing of the Mozambican reality, we think that the systematic violation of judges' rights is linked to the lack of financial independence of the judiciary.

We will certainly, at this meeting of the African Group, take advantage of learning a little more about other judicial systems.

We should like to know from our brothers and sisters, how this topic is going handled in their countries.

About the subtopic “Use of force in places of detention”

In general, Mozambican legislation establishes that in the event of detention, the police can only use force in cases of risk or danger to the life or physical integrity of people, as well as a risk of the offender escaping.

However, in practice, that command has not always been followed. Many times it is not even a legally justified detention, but the police still use force.

For example, there have been situations of young people carrying out peaceful demonstrations, complaining about different life situations and the police responding by using force and making detentions.

Fortunately, judges have been playing their role in restoring citizen's rights in those situations.

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