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**STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY FILIPE JACINTO NYUSI, PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE AT THE FOURTH PARIS PEACE FORUM**

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Mr Pascal Lamy, President of the Paris Peace Forum;

Distinguished participants;

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Let me begin by commending the Paris Peace Forum as an initiative with impact that brings together global private and public sector decision makers in order to come up with global solutions to make our world a more peaceful place.

On the main topic of international cooperation in times of the Covid-19 pandemic, I would like to highlight that the challenges Mozambique is currently facing, and I believe this applies to all of us, are related to actions aimed at striking a balance between health and economic recovery.

The implementation of the Public Disasters Decree that sets Covid-19 prevention and mitigation measures has been inclusive and largely accepted by the communities and have contributed to a sustainable reduction of Covid-19 incidence.

On the other hand, it has been proved that in the post-Covid-19 era international cooperation is extremely important as It enables least developed countries to be supported to strengthen their health systems and sustain their economic recovery.

In an increasingly interconnected and globalised world, we hope that in the post-Covid-19 era there is a need to do more to relieve debt and provide emergency soft loans and substantial financial assistance for those in higher need.

Multilateral integrated support initiatives such as those of the IMF, World Bank, African Union, the African Development Bank are crucial in this regard.

Coordinated efforts with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the African Centre for Disease Control and Prevention are also key to achieve good results in urgent vaccination interventions and economic recovery.

During post-pandemic economic recovery process, special attention should be paid to micro, small and medium enterprises that generate more jobs to a fast-growing and under-employed population.

Post-pandemic recovery is an opportunity to innovate and promote further transformation of the economy in digital models with a view to improving productivity and service delivery to the people.

Therefore, I conclude by reaffirming our commitment to strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation and build a public sector that meets present and future challenges, as well as ensuring the survival of our Nations.

Thank you very much for your attention!

