

## Statement of the UN Resident Coordinator in Mozambique on the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

Maputo, 17 May 2020 - On the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Mozambique, Myrta Kaulard, reiterates the UN engagement and advocacy for inclusion, human rights, sustainable development and peace for all – the only lasting measure against COVID-19 and all other threats humanity and the world are facing.

The UN Resident Coordinator in Mozambique joins the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, in urging "everyone to stand up against hate, and to break the silence surrounding the discrimination and violence suffered by LGBTI people. Let us counter the homophobic, transphobic and biphobic attitudes and narratives that have such a devastating impact on the lives of so many human beings worldwide".

As the pandemic unfolds, the United Nations will continue to highlight these and other injustices, as well as the need for everyone to be protected and included in the response to the crisis. Together, let us stand united against discrimination and for the right of all to live free and equal in dignity and rights.

Estamos juntos!

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