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ASSOCIATION FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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Honourable Chairperson,  
Dear Colleagues Parliamentarians,  
All Protocols Observed,

We do sincerely thank you for giving us the opportunity to address, brief and share with you in a nut shell; what is going on at the corner of the world that is our country, Mozambique.

On matters pertaining to the Information Communication and Technology, we adopted as a country a strategic policy in July 2002 with the following aims:

- To eradicate illiteracy and accelerating human resource development.
- To facilitate and ensure easy access to the global information by the people hence better governance and Public Administration.
- To uphold and ensure efficiency and quality by the public and private sectors.
- Ensuring a conducive atmosphere for legal and social economical activities with the main objective being the reduction of the absolute poverty and improvement of the lives of the people.
- Dissemination and diffusion of Information Communication Technology.

- Transforming Mozambique to an active Partner and Competitor in the Global Information society as well as in the World Economy.

To our understanding the implementation requires commitment, hard work, and participation by all: State institutions, public and private sectors, Industry and Information and Telecommunication Services, Academic Institutions and Research Centres, Non Governmental Development Organizations and the Civil Society in general in creating the synergies that ensure easy access to ICT therein the new Technologies.

The main projects in course are :

- A National Transmission Network.
- Via Satellite Technology Network.
- An Internet Network for Schools ( School Net ).
- A Network for Academic and Research Institutions.
- An Institute of Information and Communication Technology.
- The Government Electronic Network ( Gov Net ).
- Health Information Network ( Health Net ).
- Telecentres and Public Access Points.
- One-Stop Public Counter.

At the end of the day, proper coordination approach is the corner stone in exploiting the full potential and effective utilisation of ICT's.

As Parliamentarians our role is so vital in the formulation and approving legislations that create space and respond to the contemporary and new innovations.

Doing so, we shall be guaranteeing the achievement and realisation of the Millennium Development Goals, in other words popular participation; information dissemination; good governance; poverty reduction; economic and social empowerment.

Due to this recognition, as the representatives of the Mozambican Parliament, we are here present to be updated, listen and be informed

on the progress of the ICT in the world arena through others experiences on the role of the Parliamentarians in this matter.

In conclusion, according to our reality, we appreciate and are conscious of the fact that we still have a long path to go. On the other hand we are confident that with more education, the expansion and development of the infrastructures for ICT's facilities and the positive signs of interest to master the innovations of this technology by our people gives us a hope.

We shall make it because we are part of this world!

Finally, we thank the organizers of having given us the opportunity to address this wonderful, respected and resourceful audience.

Thank you for the attention and the time you have accorded us to share with you our humble experience.

Thank once again. OBRIGADO.

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