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Visit of H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India to Mozambique

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Press Release

Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, H.E. Dr. S Jaishankar, concluded his 2-day official visit to Mozambique from April 13-15, 2023. This was the first visit by an External Affairs Minister (EAM) of India to Mozambique since 2010. The visit was, therefore, indeed very historic and an important landmark in the bilateral relations between India and Mozambique.

During the visit, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India Called-On the Hon'ble President of the Republic of Mozambique, H.E. Mr. Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, as also on the President of the Assembly of the Republic of Mozambique, H.E. Ms. Esperança Bias. He also met his counterpart, the Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique, H.E. Ms. Verónica Nataniel Macamo Dlhovo, with whom he co-chaired the 5th India-Mozambique Joint Commission meeting on Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the two sides.

During his interaction with the Hon'ble Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Mozambique, H.E. Mr. Mateus Magala, and with the Chairman of the Mozambican Ports and Railways Authority (CFM), Mr. Agostinho Langa Jr, EAM had extensive discussion on stepping up bilateral cooperation on efforts of the Government of Mozambique to promote green transportation in this country. He appreciated the fact that the rolling stocks in the form of Locomotives, Diesel Electric Motor Units (DEMUs) and coaches sourced by the Government of Mozambique from India under Government of India's concessional Line of Credit have greatly contributed towards promoting mobility of both passengers and freights in Mozambique. He was convinced that further expansion of the railway infrastructure in Mozambique will provide easy means of transportation to the people of this country. He, therefore, urged both sides to maintain the momentum

of bilateral cooperation in the transportation sector, especially through engagement of M/s RITES, an Indian company, that had supplied the aforesaid rolling stocks to Mozambique. EAM also undertook a ride on the above-mentioned 'Made in India' train with the Hon'ble Minister of Transport and Communications of Mozambique and the Chairman of CFM.

During the visit, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India also virtually inaugurated a 717 meter-long bridge over River Buzi in Mozambique that forms a part of the 132 km long road being constructed by M/s Afcons Infrastructure Ltd. under the Government of India's concessional Line of Credit. Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, accompanied by the Mozambican Minister of Health, H.E. Dr. Armindo Daniel Tiago, visited the Fabrica Nacional de Medicamentos (FNM) in Matola, a manufacturing company built with transfer of technology from India for fill and finish of vaccines and for manufacturing a wide variety of medicines. EAM's meetings with the various dignitaries of Mozambique was indeed very productive and covered a wide array of subjects including bilateral, regional and international issues, particularly those pertaining to bilateral development cooperation and collaboration in multilateral fora, including the UN.

Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India had an engaging and close interaction with the vibrant Indian community living in Maputo. During his visit, he also offered prayers at the Lord Shiva Temple in Maputo and the century old Lord Rama Temple in Salamanga.

The visit of the Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar, provided an opportunity for high level interaction between India and Mozambique and successfully addressed the objective to further cement the strong bonds of friendship and collaboration that India enjoys with Mozambique. It certainly achieved the objective of further bolstering the vibrant and dynamic bilateral partnership between India and Mozambique to take it to the next higher level.

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