



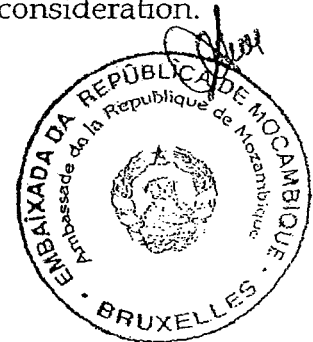
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Brussels, 3rd November 2009

The Embassy of the Republic of Mozambique to the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Hague and has the honour to forward for its information and perusal the Statement of H.E. the Minister of Tourism of the Republic of Mozambique, Fernando Sumbana Júnior regarding the importance of the Machangulo project .

The Embassy of the Republic of Mozambique to the Kingdom of the Netherlands avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Hague the assurances of its highest consideration.



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**Statement of the Minister of Tourism of the Republic of Mozambique,
Fernando Sumbana Júnior**

The Council of Ministers of Mozambique, in their session of October 12, 2004, approved the Strategic Plan for the Development of Tourism in Mozambique.

This Strategic Plan encompasses a ten-year time frame: 2004-2013.

In this plan Tourism has been identified as the most important economic driver to develop Mozambique, to fight poverty and raise the standard of living of the people of Mozambique. The Strategic Plan identified (regional and local) priority areas for Tourist Investment. Already at the time (2004) the peninsula of Machangulo was identified as such a priority area for tourism investment.

To contribute to a correct understanding of the Machangulo project, the Minister of Tourism of Mozambique comments on the background and importance of the project.

Minister Fernando Sumbana Júnior:

“Mozambique has opened its doors for foreign investors, with a focus on places where the importance is high: the poorest areas. Tourism is the one sector where we can compete through our natural resources and our people. It allows us to use our competitive advantage. Our policy is to enhance partnership between community, government and investors. The Mozambique government has prioritized up-market developments and has mapped out areas for private investment in eco-tourism. It is our true believe that the local people will benefit the most from these developments.

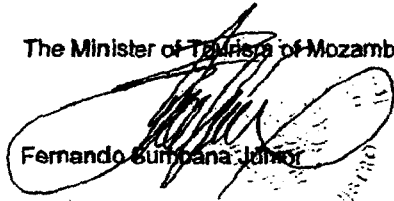
The Machangulo project is located in one of the poorest areas and is completely following our strategic agenda. The project is taken as a good practice and we would like to replicate this in other areas. Social responsibility of investors, as shown in Machangulo, should have a direct positive impact on the lives of the local people.

Some people say if we develop an up market project in a poor area it is immoral, but by saying that, and by preventing good investment to poor areas they are exactly doing the reverse, they are not allowing people to jump steps in the development by accessing modern facilities, modern technologies even though in remote areas.

The best thing that can be done in the Machangulo project is to continue rapidly in order to ensure that the local community can benefit to the full extent of this development and we as the Government, by using this model and others throughout our country we are sure that the poverty will reduce rapidly. The Machangulo project has a key contribution to achieving our strategic goals.”

Maputo, 30th October, 2009

The Minister of Tourism of Mozambique


Fernando Sumpana Junior