

# Agreed Summary

By the Participants of the Civil Society Consultation Workshop  
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## 1

The Civil Society organisations recognise the role of social protection in the development process and in fighting absolute poverty in Mozambique. They evaluate that particular attention is to be paid to the elderly, women, children and disabled, as well as to people affected by cyclical natural disasters such as droughts, floods and cyclones.

## 2

The Civil Society organisations defend a common agenda on social protection encompassing the ideas and concerns, and the human, technical and financial resources of the civil organisations and the Government. Such a common agenda should be reflected throughout the programmes and financial commitments of the State (Government, Parliament and Courts).

## 3

The Civil Society organisations commit themselves to the strengthening of their awareness on, and development of, specific capacity to undertake their activities oriented towards social protection. The Civil Society organisations commit themselves to monitoring that justice is imparted, and that delivery systems operate free of fraud and abuse, being these major elements contributing for the discredit of both the system and the very concept of social protection.

## 4

The Civil Society organisations deem essential the participation of the Private Sector and that of the workers' organisations, both in the funding and the delivery of social benefits of diverse origins, and for that they call on the dissemination and regulation of existing policies incorporating incentives to such participation.

## 5

The Civil Society organisations consider that the Media are having and shall have a greater role in promoting political awareness and public opinion in favour of social protection, in view of making it more popular and recognised as a civil right. They believe that the Media can contribute to make social protection more universal.

## 6

The Civil Society organisations commit themselves to take advantage of the decentralisation process to strengthen, at Community level, social protection systems, both formal and informal ones.

## 7

The Civil Society organisations set for themselves to develop a strategy of promotion and coordination of the agenda for social protection, drawing from the lessons of existing initiatives, such as the APR (Annual Poverty Report), G20, Poverty Observatory.

## 8

The Civil Society organisations shall motivate donors and international organisations to participate in the implementation of the national agenda for social protection, taking advantage of the mechanisms for international aid in the framework of the Paris Declaration, and exploring the opportunities presented under the auspices of the African Union.

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