**AGENDA ITEM 18: FOR ADOPTION**

**56th Executive Board meeting, September-December 2020**

**DRAFT EXECUTIVE BOARD RESOLUTION ON TERRORIST ATTACKS IN MOZAMBIQUE**

**Alarmed that**:

1. Six teachers were recently assassinated by terrorists in the northern province of Cabo Delgato, according to the Organizaçao Nacional dos Professores (ONP) of Mozambique;
2. Terrorist attacks have resulted in more than 2,000 deaths and 350,000 displaced persons, according to the United Nations, as well as destruction of public and private housing and infrastructure;

1. The violence has displaced 74,149 students and 1,486 teachers;

1. Education institutions damaged or forced to close by the terrorist attacks number 172 and that these include primary and secondary schools, as well as teacher training colleges, professional technical schools and agrarian institutes;
2. The terrorists, who claim to be linked with the Islamic State, have been active for three years, but the scale and frequency of attacks have accelerated in November and December 2020;
3. Terrorists come from within and outside the country, including countries affected by violent extremism and conflict in Africa and beyond the continent;

**Considering that:**

1. The Southern African Development Community (SADC) agreed, in an emergency meeting on 28 November to respond to the insurgency but no visible action has been seen on the ground yet;
2. The continuing attacks are a threat to countries in the sub-region and bringing peace to the region should also be a global priority;

**Recalling:**

1. The provisions of various UN Conventions and treaties that protect every child’s right to quality education and in particular UN Resolution 64/290 on the right to education in emergencies calling for those involved in armed conflict to respect civilians, students, education personnel and education institutions;
2. The 8th EI World Congress Resolution on Attacks in Schools in Africa and its call for schools to be safe sanctuaries providing a safe space where children can be protected from threats and crises.

**The EI Executive Board:**

1. Calls on the Government of Mozambique, the Southern African Development Community, the African Union and the international community to take urgent action to protect schools, educators and students from attack, provide security and support for the victims of this carnage;
2. Expresses its solidarity with the ONP, teachers, students, and others subjected to violence;
3. Supports the provision of material assistance, including shelter, food and clothing for displaced teachers and school supplies for students and appeals to member organisations to join in solidarity with the ONP.