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Mrs. Graca Simbine Machel was born in Incadine, Gaza Province in Mozambique. She completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in German Philology at the University of Lisbon, Portugal.

Mrs. Machel is the recipient of various awards and honorary degrees. She received the KORA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2001, Doctor of Letters from the University of Glasgow in June 2001, Honorary Associate of Arts Degree from Seattle Central Community College in December 1999, Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of Essex, England in 1997, Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of Cape Town, South Africa in 1993 and Recipient of Nansen Medal , UNHCR in 1995.

Mrs. Machel served as Secretary of State for Education and Culture in the Transitional Government of Mozambique from September 1974 to June 1975. She was then appointed Minister of Education and Culture of Mozambique from June 1975 to December 1983 and Minister of Education from 1984 to 1989. She served as Member of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters: United Nations, from January - December 2000. She was also appointed Special Representative of the Secretary -General of the United Nations on the "Study of the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children" from 1994 to 1996.

Mrs. Machel serves as a Member of Boards of various institutions including the United Nations Foundation, the South Centre, United Nations University. She is also the President of the Board of the Foundation for Community Development and also serves as the President of the National Commission for UNESCO.

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