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Mr President

Thank you very much for giving me the floor.

Mr. President, since is the first time that Angolan Delegation is taking the floor, I would like first of all to congratulate you for your election as President of this Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties of Landmine Ban Convention and your predecessor for his wonderful work carried out during his mandate.

Mr. President the Angolan Delegation is taking the floor at this stage First to express our deeply condolences to the government and people of Mozambique through its Delegation here present for the tragic air accident by its National Airline LAM last Thursday in Namibia territory killing 33 people, including 9 Angolans amongst the victims.

Secondly Mr. President the Angolan Delegation would like also to take this opportunity to express its full support to the Extension Request submitted by our brother country of Mozambique who is crossing a very difficult time.

Mozambique is one of the leading country in Mine Action particularly in demining programme, we hope to learn much more from its actual situation which is against its will and as we are in the process of implementing Article 5 as well then we can start taking preventive measures.

Thanks you