



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

ZAMBIA'S STATEMENT DURING THE 14TH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE OTTAWA CONVENTION ON THE AGENDA ITEM "STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARANCY WITHIN THE IMPLIMENTATION SUPPORT UNIT"

Thank you Mr. President,

We are grateful to have been accorded this opportunity to weigh in on the discussion on the evolving administrative documents in particular those bordering on financial issues (strengthening financial governance and transparency within the ISU).

From the onset, I must commend you Mr. President for your vision, dedication and focus, leading us closer to coming up with a comprehensive framework specifying the financial management by the ISU and its corporative interaction with the Coordination Committee. In the face of the financial deficit experienced by the ISU in the year 2014 it was prudent that streamlined measures that could deal with the situation were adopted. We thus wish to thank the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) for its one off assistance in helping the ISU by covering the deficit.

Mr. President, my delegation has followed through all the consultation that you called. We are happy for the cooperative manner in which you have conducted the consultations. We have also noted that you have taken into account most of the proposals that were put forward by delegations. This gives a sense of cooperation and upholds the principle of give and take in reaching a compromise.

Having, looked at the current document (on Strengthening the financial governance and transparency within the ISU), we subscribe to its contents regarding the four year work plan with budgetary estimates, yearly budgets, the creation of the financial security buffer, management of expenditure related to the core support and of the financial security buffer, tasks and expenditure related to enhanced support and extra- budgetary tasks. In this regard I wish to thank and commend Belgium for the financial contribution it has pledged which will no doubt instill confidence in the financial standing of the ISU. The announcement by News Zealand and the United Kingdom to make their contributions is also a welcome move and we commend them for their generosity.

Mr. President,

We further support your approach to the sensitive discussion on the mode of financing the ISU. In concluding we wish to urge States parties to adopt your proposals on the strengthening of the financial governance and transparency within the ISU.

I thank you.