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Statement
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the United Nations
Office in Geneva and other International Organizations
at the APMBC 4th Annual Pledging Conference

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Mr. President!

~~Your Excellency Mr. Audun Halvorsen, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway~~

~~Distinguished delegates~~

~~Ladies and gentlemen~~

At the outset, I wish to warmly congratulate Norway, for convening the 4th Annual Pledging Conference for the implementation of the APMBC, as it reaches the **last stretch for a mine free-world**, in its implementation. *We thank the participation in today's event of H.E Mr. Halvorsen, ^{the} Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway.*

I am duty bound to recognise HE Ambassador Hans Brattskar, of Norway, for his tireless efforts in steering the process that will lead to the 4th Review Conference, in Oslo – Norway, next November, at a time we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of APMBC.

As you steer the preparations of, and in your capacity of President of the 4th Review Conference, Ambassador Hans Brattskar, rest assured of Mozambique's unflinching support, as President of the Committee on Victims Assistance of APMBC.

Pledging conferences represent a platform for States Parties to the APMBC to addressing the insufficiency of funds for the smooth functioning of the Implementation Support Unity, as we have the political and moral obligation to contribute to the successful implementation of this humanitarian instrument.

As you will recall, Mozambique has declared herself anti-personnel mine-free country, in September 2015, in compliance with article 5 of APMBC. But we continue actively engaged with this Convention, as we all seek to meet other challenges inter alia, mine victim assistance, and strive to meet the aspirational Year of 2025 to rid the World of anti – personnel mines, as we have committed in Maputo Political Declaration of the Maputo 3rd Review Conference.

We, therefore, are pleased to pledge a symbolic amount of CHF 500.00.

I thank you, Mr. President!