



STATEMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION

I would like at the outset to join previous speakers in commending you on the excellent work and for your leadership of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration.

In Mozambique it is estimated that more 2% of the population is made up of people who are handicap. A significant number of these people have victims of landmines.

The Government of Mozambique has given a priority in its action to the assistance to the handicap and the victims of landmines. For that purpose, the government resorts to many instrument under its disposals like the Plan of Action for the Handicap.

This context, the Mozambican Association for Land Mine Victim Assistance, RAVIM, plays a considerable role as launching pad for the participation of the communities and the civil society in aspects related to Victim Assistance. It is helpful in assisting the government in tracking and identifying victims and potential victims in the most remote areas of the country.

The number of land mine related accidents has increased. 9 accidents, with 19 fatalities, were registered in 2009 compared to 3 accidents in 2008.

This reveals the urgency for the strengthening of the system of exchange of information between demining entities and new business as the country's economy registers a strong growth. The government is doing its best to reintegrating the demining perspectives in the development programs.

Overall, Mozambique is registering progress. And I would like to thank all assistance the country is receiving the Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration. I would also like to extend my thanks to the international community for assisting my country.

As you may all know, landmine victims are assisted in the overall framework of assistance to people with disability, which is essentially provided by the Ministries of Health, Women and Social Affairs, Education and Labour through implementation of a multisectorial plan of action on disability.

Mozambique have throughout the country, 10 Ortopediac centers with the objective to provide ortopediac assistance to all people with disability, including mine victim. We have also 7 Transic centers in all provinces where vitims are accomodated while they are waiting to be attended to receive prosteses.

In 2009, through the Information, Reference and Transport Sistem, known as SIRT 47.147 people with disability were assisted in all rehabilitation centers for

fisioterapy services and additional 5.064 on the ortopedic centers.

Other important aspect to emphasise is the efforts of the Government to create better condition to all victim of landmine, the Ministry of Social affairs is developing a program of food subsidy directed to those that have no capacity to work and for those with capacity are being re- integrated in-kind generation program.

Under the policy framework, in 2009, the Government approved the National Commisison for Disability, a mechanism of Coordination, Monitoring of all issues related to disability. With the objective of facilitated the capacity, training, integration of people with disability in public services, it was also approved in 2009 the Strategy for People with Disability in Public Services.

In concluding, I wish to reiterate Mozambique commitment to the implementation of the Cartagena Plan of Action, particularly paragraphs 23 to 33.

I thank you.

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