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RE: **Third Review Conference of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Maputo, Mozambique, 23-27 June 2014.**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mozambique to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Other International Organizations in Geneva and has the honor to inform that Mozambique has accepted the responsibilities of hosting and presiding over the Third Review Conference of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction to be held in Maputo, Mozambique, from the 23 to 27 June 2014.

This event has the potential to build upon the success of the 2004 and 2009 Nairobi and Cartagena Summits on a Mine-Free World by being one of the most important events since the Convention was opened for signature in December 1997.

The Maputo Review Conference will take stock of the considerable progress made by the anti-landmines movement. To date, 27 States Parties out of 59 which have reported mined areas under their jurisdiction or control have completed their demining programmes and together the States Parties have destroyed more than 44.5 million stockpiled mines. The numbers of new victims have declined dramatically and without a doubt landmine survivors are better off because of the Convention. In addition, the vast majority of the States of the world have consented to be bound by this landmark instrument and the Convention's norms are being respected by most other States as well.

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Mozambique is, among others, an example of where the anti-landmines movement finds itself a decade and a half since we hosted the Convention's First Meeting of the States Parties in 1999. Whereas in 1999 it was unknown exactly how great Mozambique's demining challenge was or when we could overcome it, by the end of 2014 we will have cleared virtually all mined areas that Mozambique has made exhaustive efforts to identify. We are well aware, however, that Mozambique's progress over anti-personnel mines is the international community's progress: We have worked together to reach these achievements in Mozambique, just as we have worked together around the globe to eradicate mines and assist the victims.

Given the cooperative nature of our effort and the fact that together we should take pride in our accomplishments, and given the opportunity presented by the Maputo Review Conference to again shine a spotlight on the Convention and the need for on-going high level commitments necessary to pursue the aims of the Convention beyond 2014, it is Mozambique pleasure to encourage all States and interested international and non-governmental organizations to take part in the Maputo Review Conference at the ministerial level or higher. In keeping with past practice, a high level segment will be scheduled, beginning the afternoon of Thursday 26 June 2014. Further details are available from the Convention's Implementation Support Unit.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mozambique to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and International Organization in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

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All Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva

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