



## **Republic of Angola**

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AT THE 20TH MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES  
TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF ANTI-  
PERSONNEL MINES**

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**Mr. President,**

**Distinguished Delegates,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Taking the floor for the first time in this forum, on behalf of the Government of Angola, allow me to congratulate the Presidency of the 20th Meeting of the States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty and all participants for the success achieved so far in the fight against this plague.

Angola recognizes the efforts made by the international community, and attributes particular significance to the fulfillment of its obligations under Article 5 of the Convention, ensured by the continuous efforts to eradicate mines by December 2025, in accordance with the Oslo Plan of Action of 2019.

In order to improve and strengthen the National Mine Action institutions, the National Mine Action Agency (ANAM) was established and is responsible for regulating, supervising and controlling mine action activities undertaken by public and private institutions as well as Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). The National Demining Centre has also been established, which, in terms of operations, is actively contributing to the fulfilment of the obligations stipulated in Article 5 of the Convention.

**Mr. President,**

The Mine Action Program has registered significant achievements in several areas, notably improving land release practices, improving the information management system and quality management methods, improving explosive ordnance risk education and victim assistance practices, establishing a platform for dialogue with all stakeholders in the country and abroad, strengthening gender and diversity practices, as well as environmental preservation.

Since the end of 2021, new contaminated areas that were not covered in previous surveys due to lack of access have been recorded in the national database. However, with the cancellation and correction of areas through surveys, both technical or not, clearance and reconciliation of data with mine action operators resulted in the reduction of mined areas in the national database.

Despite all the efforts made over nearly three decades of humanitarian demining, mines and unexploded ordnance continue to impact on rural communities. Accidents continue to occur and this is a concern for the Government. This year alone, by the end of September, many accidents had been reported.

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education was integrated into land release operations to strengthen the link between mine action operators and communities and reinforce awareness of the risk and the need for safe behavior.

**Mr. President,**

Angola acknowledges and thanks the valuable financial contributions of international donors at the governmental and private level that have been vital to the progress of land release. Our recognition goes, particularly, to the Governments of the United States of America, United Kingdom, Japan, Norway, Belgium and Sweden that have tirelessly supported Angola in this noble cause. We would like to give particular relevance to the role that Norwegian People's Aid has played in capacity building, especially in information and quality management.

Despite the progress achieved so far and the mentioned support, Angola needs more assistances to complete clearing of mines in the whole country, including to preserve ecosystems and biodiversity, liaising mine action activities to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and create conditions to develop, particularly, Ecotourism as well as establishing a residual risk management capacity to provide a rapid response to future challenges associated with the discovery of sporadic explosive ordnances and currently unknown contaminated areas. To guide and regulate this activity, the drafting **of the national residual risk management strategy and standard is being completed.**

**Mr. President**

**Excellencies,**

We would like to reiterate Angola's commitment to comply with its obligations under Article 5 of the Convention and implement the best practices in line with the Oslo Plan of Action, in an effort to complete mine clearance in Angola by 2025.

Regarding the victims assistances and demand processes in particularly expert from the ANAM were in this Forum will provide extensive details about the action context since 2017.

**Thank you!**