



Republic of Mozambique

MOZAMBIQUE'S STATEMENT IN THE INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF ANTI- PERSONNEL MINES

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Mr. President,

Distinguished Delegates;

Ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, on behalf of the delegation of the Republic of Mozambique, I would like to express our appreciation for the warm hospitality provided and the excellent organisation of this important event.

I would like to thank the chair of the committee on victim assistance for his presentation and I congratulate the President and the members of the Convention Secretariat on the good way in which they are conducting this meeting.

The intersessional meetings of the Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines are of particular importance as they provide an opportunity to present, share experiences and update on the progress made in the implementation of the Convention, in particular in the destruction of anti-personnel mines and assistance to victims, as we move towards the year two thousand and twenty-five, stipulated for the end of mines in the world.

As two thousand and twenty-five, approaches, we are still concerned about the use of artifacts by armed groups that try to undermine development actions in the different countries with enormous losses for the populations where they have left victims.

Mr. President,

Over recent times, greater attention has been given to assistance to victims of cases that may arise, based on the approved normative instruments, in which the government provides support to all people without any kind of discrimination.

The Maputo Action Plan urges member states to prioritize assistance to mine victims, and the government of Mozambique in the context of basic social protection operates the National Strategy for Basic Social Protection two thousand and sixteen - two thousand and twenty four, with the implementation of specific programs aimed at preventing social risks, assisting beneficiaries in situations of vulnerability, with emphasis on the Basic Social Subsidy Program through cash transfers to individuals or households, including persons with disabilities, where mine victims are a part.

In the area of assistance, we highlight the physical rehabilitation programs and psychosocial support available in Orthopaedic Centres and Physiotherapy services for the care of people with disabilities, the Community-Based Rehabilitation (ABC) program with integrated approach of services (education, health, social assistance and others) that aims to improve the basic needs of people with disabilities and mine victims in particular

The government prioritizes the creation of conditions in accommodation centres for the care of persons with disabilities and mine victims of the emergency situation caused by natural disasters or armed conflicts. Cases are registered with priority attention to specific needs.

The Government guarantees the inclusion of people with disabilities in the implementation of socio-economic projects and in technical-professional training, in order to allow them to develop self-employment and income generation projects.

In two thousand and twenty-one, one hundred and fifty-four people with disabilities were trained in different areas, where eighteen people are inserted in employment, twenty-six in self-employment and the rest in the informal business of income generation.

In carrying out the plans and programs, we recognize some public and private institutions that take on mine victims and people with disabilities as their workers with a view to leaving no one behind.

Mr. President,

Before I conclude, I would like to mention that the country has been striving to comply with the Oslo Action Plan, but it is important to highlight the challenges that still persist with regard to the removal of barriers such as the attitudes that manifest themselves in certain situations.

Another challenge that still persists is related to the establishment of a database that includes specific information on people killed, mine victims by sex and their needs and availability of sufficient resources to meet the needs of the victims.

In conclusion, Mr President, we reiterate the commitment of the Government of Mozambique to continue to implement the Convention for the good of all, while congratulating States Parties on their commitment to achieving a mine-free world by two thousand and twenty-five.

Thank you very much for your attention!