

Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates;

My ladies and my gentlemen

When taking the floor on Article 5 Destruction of anti-personnel mines in mined areas allow me to thank you, on behalf of the delegation of Mozambique for the opportunity to participate in this meeting and congratulate the Chair and members of the Secretariat of the Convention for the organization.

The Government of Mozambique highlights the importance of the Mine Action Program and the implementation of the National Mine Action Plan (Two thousand and eight – two thousand fourteen) which, in compliance with the obligations of article 5 of the Convention and with the help of cooperation partners, carried out the demining that culminated with the declaration in Two thousand fifteen of Mozambique as a country free of antipersonnel mines.

It was an important achievement for our country, as it allowed everyone to move freely and carry out development activities in the demined areas. However, despite this progress, sporadic cases of explosive devices still occur, a legacy of periods of war that occurred over time and also as a result of terrorist actions that try to destabilize our country.

During the demining process, the country carried out several actions aimed at making the country free of mines, having succeeded successfully in Two thousand fifteen , however it should be noted that the areas that were difficult to access with the work of the Defense and Security Forces was possible gradually clarify them.

And in routine activities, the Defense and Security Forces have created teams to collect unexploded ordnance scattered around the areas where fighting took place. And the devices found are destroyed in parallel with the intensification of awareness actions in communities about the danger of devices.

Despite the work carried out, there are still challenges related to the need to provide equipment that can facilitate the process in a timely manner to prevent more victims.

Thank you for the attention