



**Statement by Mozambique at the 22nd Conference of States Parties
to the Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines,
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**Item 9-a) Assistance to Victims: Conclusions and Recommendations Related
to the Mandate of the Committee for Assistance to Victims**

**Madam President,
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,**

Mozambique welcomes the members of the Victim Assistance Committee for their presentations, and joins the reflections on the conclusions and recommendations regarding the mandate of this Committee, contained in its report.

We express our appreciation for the meticulous work carried out by the Committee, which remains a key pillar in ensuring that this Convention remains focused on human dignity and the rights of those affected.

Madam President,

Mozambique is deeply aware of the impact of anti-personnel mines. For decades, these threats have affected thousands of Mozambicans, many of whom continue to need accompaniment, rehabilitation and social inclusion.

Although the country was declared mine-free in 2015, the national commitment to victim assistance remains steadfast.

In the area of victim assistance, Mozambique continues to integrate essential services into national systems, work that has resulted in the reinforcement:

- Socio-economic reintegration programmes, implemented in coordination with survivors' associations;
- Social protection, including assistance to persons with disabilities in national social support programmes;
- Facilitating organizations of persons with disabilities and associations representing victims to carry out their activities of mine hazard awareness,

peer education and provision of psychosocial support, always under state accreditation and coordination.

- In the integration of victim assistance actions in the legal and planning instruments of the area of disability.

Madam President,

Despite the progress achieved, some humanitarian and social challenges persist, which require efforts in inter-institutional coordination, in the strengthening of technical capacities, in the continuous mobilization of financial resources to allow more effective interventions.

We also recognize the importance of collecting disaggregated and updated data on survivors, so that policies respond to real needs, as well as other challenges related to the issues of natural and humanitarian disasters that have been cyclically plaguing our country.

Mozambique welcomes the Committee's recommendations, in particular those calling for national capacity building, meaningful inclusion of persons with disabilities, and the continuous exchange of best practices.

Our own experience of transitioning from one of the worst-affected countries to a State Party committed to consolidating inclusive systems demonstrates that progress is possible when there is national leadership, sustainable partnerships and political commitment.

To conclude, Mr President, I renew our commitment to the Convention, to its humanitarian spirit and, above all, to the people who continue to live with the consequences of mines, for this reason we reaffirm that the convention must be irreversible and not susceptible to suspension for the security and well-being of nations.

Thank you very much, Madam President