

First, we want to congratulate the chairman of our conference as well as the organizing team. We also sincerely thank the Convention support team, which notwithstanding the financial situation of our Convention, has made it possible for Sao Tome and Principe to attend this ninth meeting of the States Parties.

Sao Tome and Principe does not possess this type of weapon classified as deadly, causing so much scourge to humanity. However, as a signatory state, it remains concerned about its proliferation.

Sao Tome and Principe was present in Oslo in two thousand and eight, with a delegation headed by the then Minister of National Defence, having signed the Convention with the promise of its rapid ratification.

Due to several successive legislative constraints, it has not been possible to accomplish it so far.

However, before I finish, I want to leave the promise that with the current Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities, who at the time in Oslo in 2008, held the position of Minister of National Defence, having signed the Convention, everything will be easier and we will do as much as possible to complete this process.

Thank you very much.

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