



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

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Statement of Mozambique on Stockpile Destruction

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Mr President,

As previously noted in our initial Transparency Reports, Mozambique has declared the existence of a limited stockpile of cluster munitions. Mozambique has already concluded the separation of the cluster munitions from other munitions retained for operational use and has marked them for destruction.

In June of 2013, Mozambique hosted experts from the Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), who conducted a verification and feasibility assessment mission in relation to the future destruction of Mozambique's stockpile of cluster munitions. The NPA technical advisors visited the Defence Force's arms depot in

Nacala accompanied by representatives of the National Demining Institute and UNDP to inspect the cluster munitions marked for destruction. During the visit the team identified 210 RBK-250 cluster munitions containing PTAB2.5 submunitions. Previously, we had reported the existence in our stockpile of RBK-250 containers with anti-personnel submunitions. But during the verification mission it was determined that the munitions that had been mistakenly identified as anti-personnel submunitions, are in fact incendiary submunitions of the type RBK-250 ZAB2.5.

The Feasibility Assessment looked at options for destruction of the cluster munitions as well as several other obsolete munitions marked for destruction at the Nacala depot. The destruction of cluster munitions will be prioritized ahead of other munitions.

Mr. President,

With the support and advice of our international partners, the Government of Mozambique is currently developing its plan for stockpile destruction. This will require technical assistance and financial support to

complete the destruction process. We will welcome the generosity in assistance to Mozambique to meet its stockpile destruction obligations. With the support of our partners, the Government of Mozambique is confident it can complete the destruction of its stockpile well ahead of the deadline established under Article 3 of the convention.

I thank you.

Lusaka, 11 September 2013