



República de Moçambique

Mozambique Statement on Article 3

8th MSP of Oslo Convention

Geneva, 3 a 5 de Setembro de 2018.

Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like, on behalf of the delegation of my country, Mozambique, and on my own name to express our deep gratitude to Nicaragua, as President of the 8th Meeting of the States Parties to the Oslo Convention on Cluster Munitions, for the excellent preparation of this meeting, with the support of the members of the Coordination Committee and the ISU.

Our thanks extend also to all those who directly or indirectly lent their tireless contribution, including donors to the sponsorship program.

We join previous speakers in expressing our congratulations to Sri Lanka and Namibia, the latest states to accede to the CCM, through its ratification.

Mr. President

The Mozambican Government gives particular importance to the implementation of the CCM, in accordance with her international obligations, especially with respect to compliance with Articles 3 and 4, respectively.

In this regard, we would like to commend Spain and Croatia for their compliance with Article 3.

Mr. President.

Mozambique, with the indispensable support of the Norwegian People's Aid, concluded in September 2015, the destruction of its stocks of cluster munitions in the Nacala district, thus complying with Article 3,

However, several other types of ammunition not covered by the Convention, inter alia more than 400 tons of projectiles and other obsolete materials, namely S-24B rockets, 100 kgs Pumps, 250 Kg incendiary Pumps, Ofab 250 kgs Pumps, Ofab 500kgs, and others, pose a risk to local communities mainly in the Nacala district, and in other depots throughout the country awaiting their destruction.

Given the danger that these projectiles pose not only to the populations but also to the socio-economic infrastructures principally in the Nacala district, the Mozambican government formally requested support from the Norwegian Government through the Norwegian People's Aid for the implementation of the second phase of the project, following an explosive incident in one of the ammunition depots in January 2017.

As a result of this partnership between Mozambique and Norway in this field, we would like to inform that a project aiming at ensuring that all surplus projectiles and other obsolete explosives remnants are disposed of in such a way as to avoid uncontrolled explosions which would constitute a risk to

populations and infrastructure has started on the 12th August. The project is expected to run up to 19 of May 2019.

In concluding, I wish to once again thank the Norwegian People's Aid for the longstanding support they have been providing to Mozambique in this regards.

Thank you very much!