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Statement of Mozambique on Stockpile Destruction

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Mr Coordinator,

Since this is the first time my delegation takes the floor, I'd like to congratulate you on assuming your role as co-coordinator for this working group. The Delegation of Mozambique assures you of our full support.

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, who conducted a verification and feasibility assessment mission in relation to the future destruction of Mozambique's stockpile of cluster munitions. The technical advisors from Norwegian People's Aid visited the Mozambican 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 PTAB 2.5 submunitions and 83 RBK-250 containers loaded with ZAB 2.5 incendiary submunitions.

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. This month,

another mission is planned to trial and finalize the operational procedures for the dismantling and destruction of Mozambique's cluster munition stockpile. We hope that, with the support of our international partners, the destruction programme could be fully implemented in 2014 or 2015 resulting in the destruction of all Mozambique's cluster munitions.

Mr. Coordinator,

In closing, the delegation of Mozambique would like to reiterate our assurances to fully implement the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

I thank you.

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