



Mozambique Statement at the Second Preparatory Meeting of the Second Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions

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Thank you, Mr. President, for giving us the floor

We wish to start by expressing our appreciation to the Swiss presidency of the CCM for organizing the second preparatory meeting of the second review conference of this important humanitarian and disarmament instrument.

We commend you, Mr. President, the Coordinating Committee, the ISU, as well as other stakeholders, for having put together the drafts of the different working documents for the review conference, with special focus on the drafts of the Lausanne Action Plan, the elements for the Political Declaration and the Review Document.

Mr. President,

On the draft of the Lausanne Action Plan, which builds up on the Dubrovnik Action Plan, in particular, we welcome the innovation therein, on the insertion of clear indicators for various actions, which will assist in measuring progress, identify challenges, loopholes, hindrances, drawbacks and, thus in the conception of best course of action and strategies to address them, for the sake of improvement in the implementation of the Convention.

It is our understanding that the draft of the Lausanne Action Plan is straightforward, user-friendly, result – oriented, which will contribute in the implementation of different actions and assist implementers.

Meanwhile, the draft, as a whole, requires harmonization in some aspects. It is the case of the targeted groups of persons like victims, survivors, their families and communities. As a matter of fact, in some passages reference is made only to victims of cluster munitions; in others, survivors are referred to and finally other passages add families and communities.

Since para.1 of article 2 of the Convention is encompassing in the definition of victims of cluster munitions it should be used as reference.

On the other side, the text should clarify that the bullets under actions are indicators. Alternatively, the text should draw from Oslo Action Plan of the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention, which features a table with actions and corresponding indicators, for ease of reference.

As for other specific inputs, we will pronounce ourselves as we go section by section.

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