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**STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA AT THE THIRD REVIEW
CONFERENCE AT THE MINE BAN TREATY**

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Venue: MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE

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- **Your Excellency,**
- **Distinguished Delegates**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen.**

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uganda, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you Mr. President upon assuming the new office. I further, wish to take this opportunity to thank the Government of the Republic of Mozambique for the generous hospitality accorded to us during this conference.

It gives me pleasure today, to join other Member States, at this important Review Conference and to reaffirm Uganda's commitment to the Mine Ban Treaty obligations in the areas of Clearance, International Cooperation and Victim Assistance.

Uganda entirely supports the Universalization of the Treaty and completed clearance of its contaminated areas in December 2012. However, government remains with the challenge to remove residual explosive remnants.

Uganda remains committed to Victim Assistance obligations and is taking significant steps through administrative and legislative measures. Government will soon table the Anti Personnel Ban (Implementation Bill) 2014 to Parliament to address the Mine Ban Treaty related issues.

The Government of the Republic of Uganda, in this regard therefore, reaffirms its commitment and support to the Maputo Declaration and Maputo Action Plan to give effect to the realization of the objectives of the Mine Ban Convention.

We support the inclusion of the 2025 target date in the political declaration and recommend its inclusion in the Maputo Action Plan. .

I thank you for your kind attention

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