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STATEMENT BY MOZAMBIQUE ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERSESSIONAL MEETING AND 1ST PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE 5TH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION, GENEVA, 18-20 JUNE 2024

Mr. President,
Excellencies;
Ladies and gentlemen,

At outset, I would like, on behalf of the delegation of Mozambique to express our gratitude for the opportunity to participate in this Intersessional Meeting of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. I also greet all those who have made this meeting possible, and I commend the efforts made.

The Antipersonnel Mine Ban Convention is an instrument that has opened space for countries to reflect on the need for a mine-free world, thus imposing efforts to provide greater assistance to mine victims.

In this perspective, government, civil society and cooperation partners are committed to the implementation of actions that contribute to improving the quality of life and promoting the effective participation of people without any type of discrimination.

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The Constitution of the Republic of Mozambique advocates equal rights for all people and guarantees the right to protection in disability and old age without any type of discrimination.

In the country, there are national normative instruments that promote the rights of persons with disabilities and mine victims. In this context, it is important to highlight the recent approval of the Law for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the drafting of which resulted from a participatory and inclusive process.

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From the perspective of social assistance, the government takes an inclusive approach focused on the needs of all people and aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals of leaving no one behind.

Assistance to vulnerable groups, including mine victims, has been ensured through social assistance programs, with a focus on cash or in-kind transfers and implementation of community programs.

In the context of the basic social subsidy program, it should be noted that in 2023, **36,623 (**18,040M; 18,583F) people with disabilities, including mine victims, were assisted. Similarly, **3,008** (1,636M and 1,372F) persons with disabilities and mine victims benefited from means of compensation.

With regard to socioeconomic integration, people who are victims of mines and people with disabilities benefit from professional courses with pedagogical and technical conditions that favor their permanence in the courses and enable them to enter the job, as well as the creation of their self-employment.

In the area of health, people who are victims of mines have benefited from services that are installed in the vicinity of the communities, with inclusive care, embodied in public education actions for the prevention of pathologies.

In-hospital care, acquisition of equipment and consumables for the manufacture of mobility aids and devices, rehabilitation services, medical

assistance and psychosocial support for mine victims and people with disabilities are considered a priority.

Rehabilitation services in particular, Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR), Information, Guidance and Social Care Services provide physiotherapy and occupational therapy to people with disabilities and mine victims on a community basis.

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The paths taken show progress, despite the challenges regarding the need to create conditions for architectural accessibility, communication and information, as well as strengthening the collection of discriminated data on people with disabilities and their treatment by specificity for victims of mines, people with albinism and rare diseases.

To conclude, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the partners who have tirelessly supported us in our successful actions, and we hope to continue to cooperate in order to obtain more resources that provide more and better opportunities for our interventions.

Thank you very much for your attention