

Intervention Statement by Zambian Delegation during the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention 26th June, 2015

Intervention on the following items:-

Item 4. Transparency: Initiative on reporting

We also wish to join others to commend the presidency (Belgium) and the ISU for developing the model on Transparency: initiative on reporting. This will enhance the quality of information provided by states and will greatly contribute to establishing a data base that would help in undertaking other activities whose successful implementation would be based on the quality and authenticity of the information provided. We, therefore, support the initiating and we look forward to seeing the model receiving the support of all states parties as the presidency continues with consultation.

Item 2f. Stockpile Destruction

On the subject of Stockpile Destruction, we commend countries that have provided Transparency information on the Stock piles and use of Mines. We also wish to thank those states that have given an update on the progress made and thus encourage them to ensure that they achieve completion within the available means and timeframe.

Item 5. Administrative and Financial Issues

My delegation wishes to thank you (Belgium), Australia, Chile and Mozambique for preparing the concept note on the financial situation of the Implementation Support Unit. Having followed the development regarding the funding from the ISU perspective, Zambia reiterates her support for states parties to contribute to the ISU and thus welcomes the proposal to intensify resource mobilisation to

secure funding for the smooth running of the ISU. In this regard we support the importance of leading vigorous consultations to see how best securing of resources for the ISU can be done.

We want to commend those countries that have remained committed and financially supported the ISU. While we wish to encourage other states with capacity to support to continue doing so while every effort should be made to engage other states who if assessed contributions was a means of funding the ISU would have done so. States have joined and committed themselves to the objectives of the Convention and so have a responsibility to contribute to the ISU in order to achieve those objectives.

I thank you