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Mozambique Update on Article 5 Implementation

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Mr. Co-Chair,

In 2013, Mozambique submitted its request to extend the Article 5 deadline by 10 months until 31 December 2014. When the 13th Meeting of State Parties approved this request in December 2013, it also requested Mozambique to submit regular reports to the State Parties on progress achieved towards completion during the extension period. Mozambique submitted its first progress report to the ISU on 1 April 2014. This progress report includes more detailed information on progress achieved so far in 2014 and the work plan for 2014. Today, allow me to provide a brief summary of the main points.

As of the 20th of March 2014, there remained 130 areas suspected and confirmed to be contaminated with landmines totaling 5,379,947 square meters in 15 Districts and 4 provinces to be cleared and released before Mozambique's extended Article 5 deadline of 31 December 2014. While the number of demining tasks and mined

area remains above the target for 1 March 2014 that was included in Mozambique's October 2014 extension request, the demining capacity currently deployed in the country is still capable of completing the clearance and release of all known mined areas by the end of the extension period on 31 December 2014.

Progress towards this goal continued in the first quarter of 2014. In March of this year, demining teams completed operations in Maptuo Province, making it the sixth province out of 10 Provinces to be declared in compliance with article 5 of the Mine Ban Convention.

The 2014 annual work plans of the National Demining Institute and all operators in Mozambique aim to complete the clearance and release of all known mined areas in the remaining 4 Provinces by the end of 2014. However, the full implementation of the annual work plans will depend on sufficient resources being allocated in timely manner and access to all areas suspected or confirmed to contain landmines.

Mozambique will continue to inform State Parties of progress towards the completion of demining obligations under Article 5. The National Demining Institute will submit quarterly progress reports to the ISU and the State Parties. The next report will be submitted in July 2014.

In closing, the Government of Mozambique reaffirms its commitment to destroy all Anti-Personnel Mines in the country as a pre-condition to social and economic development and in accordance with its obligations under article 5 of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.

Thank you.

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2013 Demining Results

PROVINCES	2008 BASELINE SURVEY		NEW AREAS		TOTAL RESULTS	
	Tasks	Area (m2)	Tasks	Area (m2)	Tasks	Area (m2)
Maputo	1	6,883	137	965,200	138	972,083
Inhambane	34	867,895	30	704,086	64	1,571,981
Sofala	9	472,390	159	3,150,384	168	3,622,774
Manica	7	380,166	177	1,632,551	184	2,012,717
Tete	-	-	38	1,149,991	38	1,149,991
TOTAL	51	1,727,334	541	7,602,212	592	9,329,546

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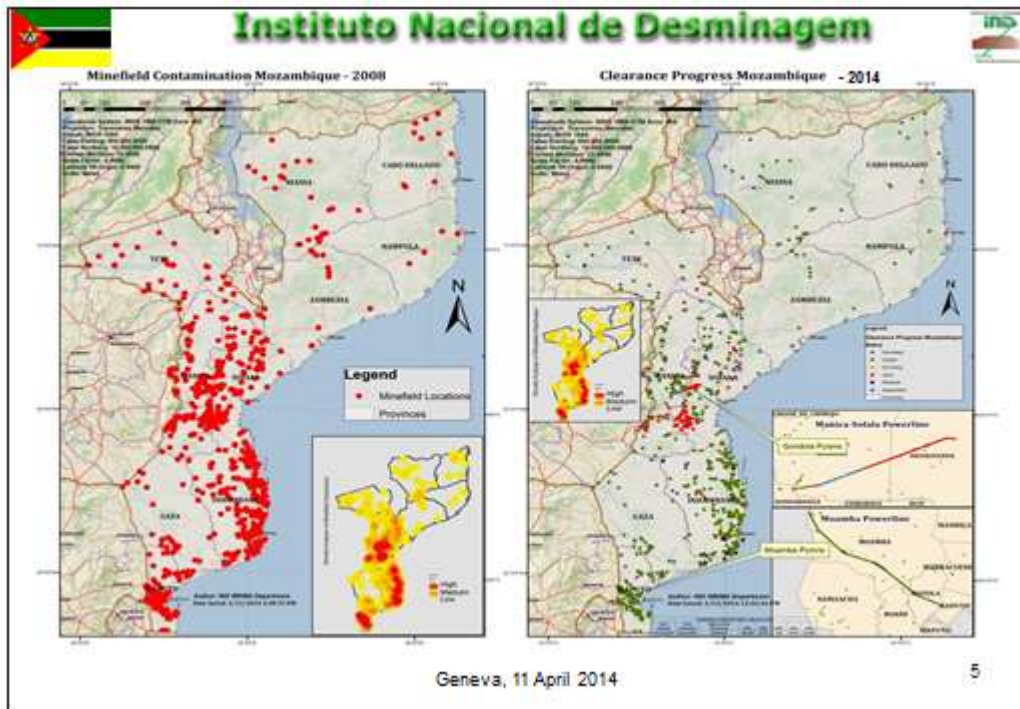
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Remaining Landmine Situation - 20 March 2014

PROVINCE	DISTRICTS	BASELINE TASKS		NEW AREAS		TOTAL REMAINING	
		Tasks	Area(m2)	Tasks	Area (m2)	Tasks	Area(m2)
Inhambane	3	1	7,000	5	123,261	6	130,261
Sofala	6	24	95,933	73	3,320,021	97	3,415,954
Manica	4	1	820	21	1,157,406	22	1,158,226
Tete	2	-	-	5	675,506	5	675,506
TOTAL	15	26	103,753	104	5,276,194	130	5,379,947

- Remaining Districts with known Hazard Areas: 15 out of 128
- Remaining Provinces with known Hazard Areas: 4 out of 10

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Conclusion

- Objective of 2014 national mine action plan is to complete the clearance and release of all known mined areas in the remaining 4 Provinces by the end of 2014.
- Implementation of the 2014 mine action plan will depend on:
 - sufficient resources being allocated in timely manner and
 - access to all suspected or confirmed hazard areas
- National Demining Institute will submit quarterly progress reports to the ISU and the State Parties.
- The next report will be submitted in July 2014.

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