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Statement of Mozambique on Victim assistance and Socio-economic Reintegration

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the government of Mozambique, I would like to join previous speakers in commending you on the excellent work and for your leadership of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration.

In Mozambique it is estimated that there are approximately 2% of the people with disabilities. A significant number of these people are considered landmines victims.

The Government of Mozambique has given a priority in assisting the people with disabilities and in particularly landmines victims, providing the available resources. Under is capacity the government

has developed a National Plan of Action for People living with Disabilities (2006-2010).

Under this framework the Government had approved in 2009 the National Commission for Disability, a mechanism of Coordination, Monitoring of all issues related to disability.

Furthermore, the Strategy for People with Disability in Public Services was approved in the same year aiming at the integration of people with disability in public services through the provision of access and adequate capacity.

Overall, Mozambique is registering progress. I would like to thank all the support provided to my country by the Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration as well as the international community.

As you may all know, landmine victims are assisted in the overall framework of assistance to people with disability, which is essentially provided by the Ministries of Health, Women and Social Affairs,

Education and Labor through implementation of a multisectorial plan of action on disability.

Mozambique have throughout the country, 10 orthopedic centers with the objective to provide orthopedic assistance to all people with disability, including mine victim. We have also 7 Transit centers in all provinces where victims are accommodated while they are waiting to be attended to receive prosteses.

About health access, highlight the medical and drug free 22,111 people with disabilities throughout the country.

In bond to access education, about 92,103 students with disabilities were integrated in inclusive education or special education and teachers trained in matters 2,285 answering children with disabilities, in sign language, written in Braille to deal with children with disabilities.

Concurrently, in year 2011, three regional resource centers will be inaugurated to enhance

education services for children with special needs, benefiting around 300 per year in each center.

In 2010, through the Information, Reference and Transport System, known as SIRT 47.147 people with disability were assisted in all rehabilitation centers for physiotherapy services and additional 5.916 on the orthopedic centers, and about 5,590 people with disabilities throughout the country benefited from assistance devices.

Other important aspect to emphasize is the efforts of the Government to create better condition to all victim of landmine, the Ministry of Social affairs is developing a program of food subsidy directed to those that have no capacity to work and for those with capacity are being re-integrated in-kind generation program.

In this scope, 8,404 disabled persons without capacity to work received social grant and 1,504 people with disabilities have benefited from training in various areas of activities.

Equally important, is the involvement of civil society organizations to assist government efforts through the tracking and identification of landmine victims, especially in most remote areas of the country.

Recently, the Parliament of Mozambique ratified the International Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, which will reinforce the existing government efforts.

In conclusion, I wish to reiterate Mozambique commitment to the implementation of the Cartagena Plan of Action, particularly paragraphs 23 to 33.

Thank you.

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