



Republic of Mozambique

Statement of the Republic of Mozambique on Victim Assistance
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Mr. President,

As this assembly has already heard, Mozambique successfully concluded its demining obligations under Article 5 this year. But we are well aware that a country free of landmines does not mean a country free of Landmine Victims. In a sense, Mozambique remains “mine affected” so long as we have landmine survivors living in our country.

In this regards, I am very proud to announce that in November of this year, the Government of Mozambique approved the Action Plan on Victim Assistance which will form an integral part of Mozambique’s National Strategy for Disabilities for the period 2012-2019. We believe, if implemented fully, this action plan will provide great benefits for the landmine survivors of Mozambique. However, due to many competing priorities and scarce resources, we still need assistance to fully realize the goals and actions outlined in the Action Plan on Victim Assistance.

Mr. President, Mozambique sincerely hopes that our international partners will continue to support us in the same manner that they supported our efforts to clear our country of landmines. While we do not expect any more landmine accidents, we will still face a challenge of providing assistance to our landmines survivors to ensure real improvements in their lives. We would welcome the same level of partnership and teamwork to implement the National Action Plan on Victim Assistance. Now that there are no more landmines in Mozambique, we cannot forget about the survivors.

Thank you for your attention and obrigada!