## Mine Ban Convention Second PrepCom for the Third Review Conference

## Comments by Norway on the Maputo Action Plan

Thank you, Mr. President-Designate

- We wish to thank Mozambique, and in particular Ambassador Commissario and his team, for preparing a draft Maputo Action Plan. We know that much work has gone into this document, and that Mozambique has tried hard to incorporate the views of different actors in the present draft.
- There is still some time until the Review Conference and there is still time to make adjustments. We are confident that Mozambique will use the time well, and present a final draft in Maputo that will be both agreeable to the States Parties, and constitute a prioritised set of actions for the next five-year period.
- As a general point, we think that caution is needed to ensure that the actions are actually actionable. We should keep in mind that this is an action plan, and not a legal instrument.
- It is our view that the action plan should be focused on addressing the actual remaining challenges under this Convention. Those challenges are primarily related to completion of clearance obligations and ensuring compliance, and not the least honouring our commitments and obligations towards mine victims and survivors, where the means and measures are to be found outside this Convention.

Thank you