Mr. President, Excellences, representative of Mozambican government,

First I would like to thank you the government of Mozambique and its people for hosting this conference and the warm hospitality that we recognized and the well done coordination for this conference.

1. In regards to Lebanon situation regarding the convention, although Lebanon is still now did not sign the convention, but it is working in the spirit of it and we share all the humanitarian aspects of the convention and we apply it.

2. Lebanon did not produce, export or emplace any kind of antipersonal mines in the last 15 years.

3. Lebanon suffers from Israeli emplacement of antipersonal mines in South Lebanon especially.

4. At many occasions and intervals A-ISRAELI-ARAB-conflict (1967-1982) Israeli invasion to South Lebanon, Israeli army planted and emplaced tens of thousands of antipersonal mines across occupied areas of South Lebanon and especially around its built controlled check points.

5. During 2006 bombardment of Lebanon, Israel littered South Lebanon with around 4 millions of cluster bombs, 1 million did not explode because of its old stock and the nature of strike areas.

6. Lebanon acceded to (CCW) in 2014, Convention on Prohibition or restrictions on certain conventional weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or have indiscriminate effects.

7. Lebanese mine action center with the support of UNDP launched a new strategic action plan 2011-2020, its goal is to have Lebanon free from the impact of cluster bombs antipersonal
8. Upon LMAC first review on 2013, we noticed that this goal cannot be achieved because lack of funds.

9. LEBANON acceded on 2010 to the treaty on banning cluster bombs (CB) and it is a leading country in universalization of this treaty and LMAC is cleaning contaminated areas according to the highest humanitarian standards (IMAS) & national (IMAS).

10. LEBANON is committed to clear its land from cluster bombs, ERW and mines and booby traps laid by ISRAELI ARMY and with respect to minefields across blue line (south Lebanon), LEBANESE army is trying to clear minefields that cause hurt to local who impede development or have negative impact on local communities, taking into consideration that it was planted long time ago with no information about its emplacement and the difficulty of the terrain and the change of the nature of areas due to weather issues.

11. ISRAEL continues to occupy Lebanese territories and refuses to obey to international decrees (1401) as did not sign the convention till now.

12. Still to go about 30-40% of known contaminated areas to be cleared, in addition to victim assistance and mine risk education campaigns to be launched, and all this require continuous support and fund’s from international community as per our strategic action plan.
Lebanon is now playing a regional role in helping regional affecting countries in building its national capacities, as it launched a regional humanitarian demining school with the cooperation of French army to train deminers (as part of MAS).