

STATEMENT OF SLOVENIA

First Preparatory Meeting for the 3rd Review Conference in Maputo Geneva, 6 December 2013

Agenda item 8:

Post - Third Review Conference programme of meetings

Second statement

Mr President,

Slovenia aligns to the statement, delivered by the European Union.

As regards programme of meetings for next five years, we recognise freshness of your approach. We agree that there is a need to review frequency and duration of informal and formal meetings. But on the other hand, we need to organise properly our work for the next five years, whether in formal setting or not. It will be of critical importance to keep cohesion between all these events.

We absolutely need to find a proper way to regularly analyse extension requests by States Parties and also promptly react to cases of non-compliance.

At this point we recognise the value of the idea to drop the established concept of intersessional meetings six months after the meeting of states parties. In that context, we welcome a tendency to seek synergies and advantages in working together with other conventions, such as Convention on Cluster Munitions and Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

In this context we welcome the arrangement that the intersessional meetings of Ottawa and Cluster Munitions Conventions will for the first time take place back to back in April next year. This is the first step in right direction.

Today we are making this step on our travel towards Maputo. Slovenia will take part in these endeavours, ready to assist you whenever needed. We believe that Maputo Review Conference will represent a milestone on our common journey towards a world free of anti-personnel mines.

Thank you, Mr President-designate.