

Statement of the United Kingdom

Second Preparatory Meeting - Third Review Conference, 10 April 2014

Thank you very much Mr President-Designate to you and the whole Mozambican team, for all of your efforts in preparing the 3rd Review Conference.

We are looking forward to full participation in the Maputo Review Conference, and are hopeful that it will further the Convention's aim of tackling the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines.

The UK would like to echo the concerns raised previously by colleagues about the danger of including references to a specific date by which all time-bound obligations are to be completed. We are concerned that this date risks running counter to the Convention's aim of full universalisation. Our proposal would be to replace references to 2025 in all of the documents with the phrase 'as early as possible.'

We would like also to suggest a change to the language in point 29 of the Action Plan. Instead of what is currently written, we suggest, 'All States Parties agreed on the need to ensure that the implementation machinery that they have established was adequately financed.'

Mr President-Designate,

Our final point applies to all of the documents. We think retaining the agreed language of the Convention is very important, and as such we wish for relevant references throughout to be to 'anti-personnel mines', rather than 'mines', 'landmines' or other language. Additionally, we would suggest language refers to 'the Convention', rather than 'the Cause' or 'the Movement.'

The UK looks forward to working with you, Mr President-Designate, as we continue our preparations for the Review Conference.

Thank you.