

Statement By the Zambian Delegation Read by Ms Eunice Luambia,
Director, Zambia Mine Action Centre, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Zambia, During Exchange of Views on the Draft Maputo Action Plan -
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Thank you mr President Designate for giving me the the floor. The delegation of Zambia wishes to join other delegations in congratulating you and your team for the elaborate preparations that you have so far put in place for the third review conference. We would also like yo recognize the work and efforts that the ISU led by Kerry have put in towards this meeting. I would like to assureMozambique of Zambia's support throughout the time of preparing for the Review conference and during the conference.

Mr president designate

The Zambian delegation fully supports the draft action plan which is very ambitious and possible to achieve if all States parties remain committed to the pillars of mine Action. In our opinion the draft Action plan provides a good attempt to deal with the challenges that the anti personnel landmines Convention has faced in the last 15 years. We support the goals outlined in the document but wish to stress that there is need to simplify the language in the actions. We also support the importance of setting time lines for achieving the targets. My delegation will be studying the draft further and where necessary will provide other comments at a later stage.
I thank you.