

MBC 3RC PrepCom II
Meeting programme post Maputo
Statement by Norway

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Thank you, Mr President-designate

- With the third review conference we pass 15 years of implementation of this convention, and it is time to assess the relevance and effectiveness of the implementation support system we have developed. This includes formal and informal meetings and the standing committees.
- As Ambassador Comisario demonstrated in his introduction, the community of the Mine Ban Convention has over the years demonstrated an ability to adjust the support system according to the needs of the Convention, including the establishment of the intersessional meeting programme, which was decided at the 1MSP in Maputo in 1999,
- To ensure continued effective implementation support in the period after the review conference we need to adjust the machinery we have today to the actual **needs** and available **resources**. After the Maputo Review Conference we need to spend less money and time in meetings and committees and more resources on addressing actual needs in affected states.
- We believe that the proposed adjustment of the meeting programme and committee structure presented by Mozambique address necessary changes, and we can support the proposals in the paper.

Thank you