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To the Third Review Conference to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use,  
Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their  
Destruction

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The United States is pleased to attend the Third Review Conference of States Parties to the Ottawa Convention. We congratulate Mozambique for hosting this important event, and for nearing completion of its mine clearance obligations under the Convention. I also want to share with you the following announcement with respect to the United States' policy on anti-personnel landmines.

The United States will not produce or otherwise acquire any anti-personnel munitions that are not compliant with the Ottawa Convention in the future, including to replace such munitions as they expire in the coming years. Meanwhile, we are diligently pursuing other solutions that would be compliant with the Convention and that would ultimately allow us to accede to the Convention. We are also conducting a high fidelity modeling and simulation effort to ascertain how to mitigate the risks associated with the loss of anti-personnel landmines. Other aspects of our landmine policy remain under consideration, and we will share outcomes from that process as we are in a position to do so.

As always, the United States applauds the significant accomplishments to date by States Parties to the Ottawa Convention in addressing the humanitarian impact of anti-personnel landmines. We remain committed to a continuing partnership with States Parties and non-governmental organizations in this effort.

Thank you, Mr. President.