

**Third Review Conference of the Anti- Personnel Mine Ban
Convention;**

Presentation Paper;

BY

The Kingdom of Swaziland

Thank you Chair;

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

As it is for the first time for the Kingdom of Swaziland to take the Floor, may I begin with congratulating the Republic of Mozambique for hosting the 3rd Review Conference of the Anti- Personnel Mine Ban Convention in this beautiful city of Africa, Maputo in the SADC Region which is blessed with its fresh sea breeze from the Indian Ocean.

Chair,

Swaziland is particular pleased to see you chairing these proceedings, of which the Kingdom is confident that your able leadership will guide us to a success outcome, and I pledge the full support of my delegation to your effort.

Colleagues,

as State Parties to this Convention, we are here to fulfill the mandate given to us by the United Nations Secretary General as stipulated in Article 12, paragraph 1 and further to promote a common understanding and effective action on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mine and on Their Destruction. On the same vain, the Kingdom of Swaziland joins the other Member States who are Party to the convention in condemning the use of this weapon of non-discrimination, which when deployed it kills and maim innocent women and children and further hinders socio-economic growth of those affected States.

Chair,

In support of the convention, between the month of December 2006 to August 2007, Swaziland deployed its Demining Team from its Defence, at Lomahasha Area in the North Eastern part of Swaziland bordering Mozambique, for demining operations on a suspected mine field, with a view to fulfill Article 5 obligation.

Chair,

The kingdom of Swaziland continues with her transparency reporting, and further urges those Member States who are Party to the Convention to do so.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. GOD BLESS ALL:::