



Statement of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities during the 3rd Review Conference 23 – 27 June 2014, Maputo - Mozambique

The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is appreciative of the opportunity to be part of this very important deliberations in regards to the Anti-Personnel Land Mine Ban Convention taking place in Maputo, Mozambique.

The Committee of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities further conveys it highest regards to the organisers of this very auspicious conference – the Government of Mozambique and ISU, and wishes to reiterate its commitment to ensure that the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is fulfilled as per the obligations of the 144 States Parties that have ratified the Convention today.

The committee wishes to draw the attention of the States Parties present today on the following issues;

Committee is appreciative for the support provided by States parties, materialized in additional meeting time granted by General Assembly. This was necessary because of the backlog of initial state reports that needed to be cleared.

Committee has provided guidance to State parties, through Concluding Observations, Jurisprudence on individual communications and most recently by adoption of two general comments on key provisions of the Convention (art. 9 and 12)

Committee is unfolding its capacity building mandate under article 37(2) of the Convention by inter alia providing guidance and expert advice to some countries in relation to draft legislation on persons with disabilities.

Committee is doing its best to harmonize its working methods to those of other treaty bodies, for example, has consistently offered the simplified reporting procedure to States parties in relation to their periodic reports.

Committee has positively contributed to the post 2015 development agenda by promoting human rights oriented goals and targets which capture persons with disabilities and their diversity.

The Committee will undertake to ensure its continued cooperation with the ISU and other Human Rights Treaty Bodies in its endeavours to pursue the promotion and fulfilment of the rights of persons with disabilities all over the world.

Thank you.