

AHG/Dec.135 (XXXV) Decision on the “First Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction”

The Assembly:

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the relevant information contained in the Report of the Secretary-General on the "First Meeting of States Parties of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on their Destruction", held in Maputo, Mozambique, from 3 - 7 May, 1999;**
- 2. RECOGNIZES that the issue of antipersonnel mines constitutes a major public health threat and a source of concern in the international political agenda, requiring a global approach in order to address the negative effects of these deadly devices;**
- 3. COMMENDS the rapid entry-into-force of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on their Destruction;**
- 4. FURTHER RECOGNIZES that the proliferation of anti-personnel mines constitutes an issue of insecurity which affects free circulation of people and goods in affected countries;**
- 5. EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONCERN for the devastating effects of anti-Personnel mines on human lives and their negative impact on the country's economic development;**
- 6. COMMENDS all States Parties to the Convention;**
- 7. CALLS UPON all countries which have not done so to sign and ratify the Convention;**
- 8. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION for the outcome of the Maputo meeting;**
- 9. SUPPORTS FIRMLY the objectives and purposes enshrined in the "Maputo Declaration";**
- 10. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to continue to sensitize Member States to contribute to the effective implementation of the Convention.**

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