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Statement

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In fact, from our point of view, the United Nations must continue to play a leading role in keeping the question of small arms and light weapons high on the international agenda. Thus, I would like to seize this opportunity to commend the report of the Secretary-General before us, document A/69/132, for the comprehensive and positive impact of the activities carried out from August 2013 to July 2014.

Mr. Chairman,

While great challenges are still on our shoulders, we should take note of a number of positive developments in the struggle against the illicit trade of conventional weapons. One of such positive developments is the perspective of the entry into force of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), a global regulatory framework which, in one hand, will complement the ongoing actions under the PoA framework and, on the other hand, will contribute to control the import, export, transit, transfer and end use of arms. Hence, Mozambique's commitment to immediately sign the ATT and start the process for its ratification.

Mr. Chairman,

As you all know, Mozambique hosted, last July, the Third Review Conference of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, also known as Ottawa Convention.

Once again, we would like to seize this opportunity to thank all those who attended, as well as all partners that contributed to make this event a successful one. Indeed, in Maputo, we not only assessed the progress that has been made since the 2009 Cartagena Review Conference but successfully achieved positive results, namely:

- ✓ the adoption of the Maputo Action Plan;
- ✓ the establishment of updated implementation machinery; and
- ✓ the agreement on the Maputo +15 Declaration.

These results represent a renewed global commitment to address the challenges posed by anti-personnel mines. Against this background, I would like to seize this occasion to introduce the draft resolution entitled "*Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction*" and kindly request the support of member States.

The proposed draft resolution retains the spirit and essence of Resolution A/RES/68/30, dated 05 December 2013, and contains minor changes to reflect the results of the Maputo Review Conference.

I thank you.