

**“Maputo Action Plan and Maputo +15 Declaration:  
Fulfilling the Mine Ban Treaty’s Promise of a  
World Free from Landmines”**

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# Why action plans?

- *Mine action is more than just mine clearance!*
- 5-year review cycle
- States Parties are to undertake a range of specific actions throughout five years in order to strengthen implementation of and promote universal adherence to the Mine Ban Treaty (MBT)
- Nairobi Action Plan (2004) – 70 actions
- Cartagena Action Plan (2009) – 67 actions
- Maputo Action Plan (2014) – 31 actions

# Concept of action plans

- Structured in accordance with sections of the MBT rather than stated strategic goals
- Fairly high number of action items - reflection of a logical structure (broader values  specific goals or objectives)
- Added value - unlike treaty strategic plans (with three to five strategic objectives) these strategic action plans are **more operational** and **less aspirational** in nature

# Maputo Action Plan (MAP)

- *Review of the operation and status of the Mine Ban Treaty*: a 95-page analysis of progress and challenges in the period 2010-2014
- Universalization; stockpile destruction; mine clearance; victims assistance; cooperation & assistance; transparency and exchange of information; measures to ensure compliance; implementation support

# MAP (cont.)

- 31 actions in total addressing eight segments of the MBT
- **Most actions:** victims assistance (7) and international cooperation & assistance (6)
- MBT introduced two important features into international disarmament: mine action with its five pillars and accountability through post-treaty review process

## e.g. Action §9

- *Each State Party with ongoing mine clearance obligations will ensure as soon as possible that the most relevant land-release standards, policies and methodologies, in line with the United Nations' International Mine Action Standards, are in place and applied for the full and expedient implementation of this aspect of the Convention. These land release methodologies will be evidence-based, accountable and acceptable to local communities, including through the participation of affected communities, including women, girls, boys and men, in the process.*

# Maputo +15 Declaration

- *We affirm our ambition (...) to intensify our efforts to complete our respective time-bound obligations with the urgency that the completion work requires*
- *In this connection, we aspire to meet these goals to the fullest extent possible by 2025.*
- *(...) we are committed to realize this ambition, guided by the Maputo Action Plan during the period 2014 to 2019.*

# Key ingredients for success

- political will  strong national ownership
- adequate financial allocations
- long-term commitment
- establishment and effective implementation of measurable and time-bound national objectives
- adequate (inter)national support for relevant structures in affected communities

# Aspiration of a mine-free world by 2025 is:

- A. a binding commitment
- B. a serious ambition
- C. wishful thinking
- D. a dead letter

# Conclusion

- Mine contamination is a security issue, a development issue and a humanitarian issue
- It is our joint responsibility (mine-free and mine-affected states) to work together to free the world of this scourge
- Croatia can be a positive example to other mine-affected states as well as *a bridge between mine-free donor states and mine-affected recipient states.*



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