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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.**