

Intervention by the delegation of Thailand
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Mr. President,

During our intervention earlier today on the agenda item 2 (b): Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance we stressed the need to harmonize and simplify the reporting obligations under the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. On this note, Thailand reiterates our appreciation to the Presidency for its initiative on this issue and welcomes the draft “Guide to Reporting”.

Mr. President,

Allow me to share preliminary remarks on the draft Guide as follows:

We view that the Guide has placed clear structures for the reporting obligations of States Parties under the Convention. Illustrative explanation regarding data and information required for annual update and reporting, and hypothetical States set as reporting examples are very useful and practical for States Parties to easily adapt to their national context.

Moreover, a unified reporting format as provided in the draft guide would greatly facilitate the work of reporting states in their preparation, and also the relevant committees in the analysis and assessment of such reports. It would assist them to easily identify good practices and challenges faced in the reporting process, the need for technical assistance to ensure that States Parties comply with their obligations, and the follow-up of programmes and activities put in place by States Parties.

In addition, we note the obligations for States Parties to provide an update and information in the annual transparency report as required by Article 7 of the Convention, as well as the reporting on time-bound and measureable objectives, policies and framework on victim assistance as States Parties have committed in the action 12-14 of the Maputo Action Plan. As such, further harmonization would ease States Parties’ reporting exercise.

We also note the need to further encourage interaction and engagement between the ISU, relevant agencies on landmine destruction, and victim assistance agencies of States parties, in order to obtain an improved reporting responding to specificities of each States Parties.

We support the President in encouraging all States Parties to carefully study and share their remarks and comments on the draft Guide to reporting. We hope that this useful and practical guide will help States Parties in their preparation of the next cycle of annual reporting.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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