

**PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS
COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE
(Belgium, Croatia, Ecuador and Mozambique)**

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Observations of the Committee on the information submitted by Jordan

1. The Committee welcomes the submission by Jordan of its Article 7 report for the calendar year 2017 containing updated information on its victim assistance activities. Based on the information provided, the Committee presents the following preliminary observations.

Mine casualties

2. The Committee observed that Jordan had not reported on the number of mine casualties on areas under its territory or control for the year 2017.

Assessment of needs, the availability and gaps in services (Action #12)

3. The Committee observed that Jordan had not reported on needs assessment and the availability and gaps in services, and encourages Jordan to report on these matters, including on existing or new requirements for disability, health, education, employment, development and poverty reduction activities needed to meet the needs of mine victims, and to refer victims to existing services where possible.

Time-bound and measurable objectives (Action #13)

4. The Committee observed that Jordan reported on the existence of a five-year National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities, which was developed and is being implemented by the Supreme Council for Human Rights, and that victim assistance is an integral part of this National Strategy. The Committee welcomes additional information concerning the National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities in line with requirements outlined under Action 13 and welcomes receiving an electronic copy of the strategy.

Enhancement in the integration of victim assistance into broader frameworks, including allocation of budgets for their implementations (Actions #14)

5. The Committee observed that Jordan reported on enhancements in the integration of victim assistance into broader frameworks relating to the needs and rights of persons with disabilities, including through:
 - a. Making victim assistance an integral part of the country's five-year National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities, and;
 - b. Including victim assistance in the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as an effort to guarantee the rights of survivors to health care services, rehabilitation, work, and education.
6. The Committee welcomes additional information on the allocation of budgets for the implementation of the National Strategy, as well as an electronic version of the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Increase availability of and accessibility to rehabilitation services, economic inclusion opportunities and social protection measures for all mine victims, regardless of their gender and age (Action #15)

7. The Committee observed that Jordan was acting upon aspects of Action 15 to increase the availability of and accessibility to rehabilitation services, through the provision of health care treatment and rehabilitation to survivors, and by providing other assistance and support through the National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation.
8. The Committee welcomes additional information on the implementation of Action 15, including on efforts to increase the availability of and accessibility to economic inclusion opportunities and social protection measures, disaggregated by gender and age.

Strengthen local capacities and enhance coordination (Action #15)

9. The Committee observed that Jordan had not reported on efforts to increase local capacities and enhance national or sub-national coordination for the implementation of victim assistance, and would welcome information on these matters.

Inclusion and participation of mine victims (Actions #16)

10. The Committee observed that Jordan had not reported on efforts concerning the inclusion and active participation of mine victims and their representative organisations in victim assistance programmes, and welcomes information on this matter.

Removing barriers and raising awareness (Actions #15 and #17)

11. The Committee observed that Jordan had not reported on efforts to remove barriers, including expanding quality services in rural and remote areas, and on efforts to raise awareness on the rights of mine victims, in an age- and gender-sensitive manner, and it would welcome information on these matters.

Measurable improvements, challenges, and priorities for assistance in advance of the next Review Conference (Action #18)

12. The Committee encourages Jordan to report on measurable improvements made in the well-being and the guarantee of the rights of mine victims, remaining challenges and priorities to achieve the objectives of Actions 12 to 18 of the Maputo Action Plan, ahead of the upcoming Review Conference.