

Framework to assist mine-affected States Parties in preparing for meetings of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegrationⁱ

Introduction:

One of the enhancements made during the May 2002 meetings of the Standing Committees established by the States Parties to the Convention banning anti-personnel mines was to increase the number of opportunities for participation by States Parties. Mine affected States Parties may wish to maximize these opportunities during meetings of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration by preparing presentations on the challenges they face and efforts that are being taken to overcome these challenges. In order to assist these States Parties in preparing written and oral presentations (maximum: 10-12 minutes) on these matters, the following framework has been developed.

I. The extent of the challenge:

Provide an overview of the information that is available on landmine survivors, including information on their demographics and the types of injuries that they have suffered, and areas in the country where survivors are most prevalent. Is there an ongoing data collection mechanism to track new mine victims?

II. Addressing the challenge:

In each of the following four areas, provide a brief overview of:

- The current situation with respect to services and facilities required to meet the needs of landmine survivors;
- What you desire the situation to be;
- Your plan to achieve the desired results; and,
- Your priorities for outside assistance.

1. Emergency and Continuing Medical Care

(e.g., first aid and transportation to respond effectively to landmine and other traumatic injuries, surgery, pain management, and additional medical care to assist in the rehabilitation of survivors)

2. Physical Rehabilitation / Prosthetics

(e.g., physiotherapy, production and fitting of prostheses, pre and post-prosthetic care, repair and adjustment of prostheses, provision and maintenance of assistive devices and wheelchairs, and rehabilitative assistance for the deaf and blind)

3. Psychological and Social Support

(e.g., peer support groups, professional counselling, sports and associations for the disabled)

4. Economic Reintegration

(e.g., skills and vocational training, literacy training, income-generating projects, small business loans, and job placement)

III. Laws and public policies:

Provide an overview of any laws and policies that are in place to promote and enhance the effective treatment, care and protection for all disabled citizens, including landmine survivors. In addition, what laws or policies are in place with respect to accessibility to the built-up environment? What mechanisms and / organizations exist to promote the rights of persons with disabilities? What programs exist to raise public awareness on disability issues?

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ⁱ This framework has been prepared simply as a suggestion for possible use by States Parties. States Parties, of course, are free to participate in Standing Committee meetings in whatever way they wish.