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The President of 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties,

Representatives of Donors,

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Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for availing me an opportunity to present Uganda's status regarding the implementation of activities on Victim Assistance.

Uganda is currently going through the rehabilitation and recovery process after the years of conflict which resulted into the presence of landmines and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) in parts of Western and Northern Uganda. Uganda, after incorporating the recommendations from the Cartegna action plan in its mine action victim assistance comprehensive plan is committed to implementing the relevant components contained therein.

The presence of land mines and ERWs require immediate and long term interventions including access to first aid, emergency care, physical rehabilitation, psychosocial support to overcome trauma, access to mine risk education and to support social and economic empowerment.

In order to operationalize the comprehensive plan on victim assistance 2010 – 14 which was revised to cater for the Cartage Action Plan, the following new developments have been implemented:-

Data collection and management: Uganda continues to prioritize the importance of data on land mine and Explosive Remnants of War survivors. In this regard, Uganda Government is working closely with Handicap International and Uganda Landmine Survivors Association to build the capacity of personnel to maintain the management Information system on survivors.

Regarding health care and medical rehabilitation of survivors and other persons with disabilities, Uganda continues to use the Community Based Rehabilitation strategy. Using this strategy, landmine survivors are identified in their homes, assessed and referred to appropriate health centres for treatment and further management, such as provision of assistive devices. Subsequently, Uganda has been able to distribute clutches, wheel chairs and tricycles, provided artificial limbs and treatment of survivors and other Persons with Disabilities in the mine affected areas. These are distributed through the Disabled Persons Unions and Landmine Survivors' Associations after assessment.

Fellow delegates, Uganda has a universal primary and secondary education policy. It has further put in place a special needs and inclusive policy to promote social inclusion of child survivors and other children with disabilities.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are also implementing Psychological activities to the victims in all the war affected districts through community development workers. This is helping people traumatized by effects of war to recover.

In the area of economic empowerment, the survivors continue to be equipped with vocational skills and given resettlement kits and resettled back in their communities. We are closely monitoring their progress and addressing gaps where need arises.

Government of Uganda continues to provide a Special Grant for persons with disabilities worth \$ 1,000,000 to support groups of persons with disabilities including survivors to start income generating activities.

Ladies and gentlemen, despite these specific interventions, we still believe that mainstream intervention of survivors and other persons with disabilities are crucial to sustainability. We continue engaging different sectors in mine affected district to ensure that they target Persons with Disabilities in all their activities.