

14 MSP to the AP Mine Ban Convention

Assisting the Victims Plenary session

Statement by Tajikistan

Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen!

First of all, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to present the progress made by Tajikistan in support of mine victims and to reconfirm our commitment in fulfilling the objectives of the Maputo Action Plan!

First I suggest to put a summary on overall support in comparison to previous year, not to start with small details. How many accidents/casualties. Then overall support provided to mine/ERW victims # of persons and type of services.

ICRC is continuing needs assessment survey of all 858 known mine/ERW victims. So far 80% of victims were surveyed and more than 600 mine and ERW victims received support through the Micro-economic Initiatives project of the ICRC – in 2015 so far 94 survivors and victims' families were reached.

In order to promote physical access of Persons with Disabilities, Tajikistan supported the modification of three public buildings in the capital. Psycho-social support was continued with a new psychological training for medical centers in the area to provide awareness about disability rights and increased provision of psychological aid. CRPD.

Tajikistan has not yet acceded to the CRPD. The government asked to conduct an analysis of legal, economic and functional implications of Tajikistan joining UN CRPD. The analysis was conducted with UNDP technical support.

To enhance efforts to guarantee the rights of persons with disabilities, eight recommendations are proposed.

Recommendation 1. Sign the CRPD

Recommendation 2: Develop and implement the action plan for the path to ratification of CRPD

Recommendation 3: Promote disability-inclusive strategies/programs

Recommendation 4: Initiate a process to amend and expand the 2010 Disability Law and other relevant legislation

Recommendation 5: Develop and implement a long-term Disability Policy/Strategy and a State Program on Promotion of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Recommendation 6: Develop and implement pilot projects

Recommendation 7: Establish a dedicated National Disability Council to enhance coordination, implementation, monitoring and reporting on CRPD

Recommendation 8: Enhance mechanisms to improve collaboration with all relevant stakeholders.

The Analysis results were presented in four regional round tables in Khujand, Gharm, Kurgan-Tube and Kulyab cities during September to November 2015. In total, more than 200 participants representing local government, disabled people organizations and persons with disabilities participated in the national and regional round tables. In 2015, the National Development Strategy 2016-2030 and the Medium Term Strategy for 2016-2020 were developed with inclusion of disability issues. Various UN entities provided technical support to the Government of RT in developing both documents.

Additionally, disability issues were integrated into District Development Plans of two pilot districts.

Tajikistan Mine Action programme received two important visits in 2015, first by the Armenian Victim Assistance Officer and second by the US-based NGO Polus Center.

Taking this opportunity I would like to express my gratitude to the ISU and to all our development partners – UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, the US Department of State, UN PRPD fund, ICRC and its Special Fund for the Disabled and calling to development partners to join our efforts so that we can further improve the lives of landmine victims and survivors and other persons with disabilities.

Thank you very much for your attention!