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To: ALL ENTITIES RELEVANT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ROUTE MAP ON HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF AP MINES / UXO
NETWORK OF ASSOCIATIONS OF MINE VICTIMS IN COLOMBIA
RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL
THE COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE OF THE AP MINE BAN CONVENTION

Distinguished guests,


It is a pleasure for the National Government and the European Union to invite you to attend the *National Dialogue: Strengthening the Participation and Inclusion of Victims of Anti-Personnel Mines and other Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)*, to take place 22 to 24 February as a hybrid meeting (virtual with some live presence) in Bogotá, with English, Spanish and sign language interpretation.

The National Government's Office of the High Commissioner for Peace (OACP) - Grupo Acción contra Minas Antipersonal (Descontamina), recognizes the importance of strengthening comprehensive mine action and coordinating efforts with stakeholders in order to effectively advance and guarantee the rights of victims of these weapons in the country.

Given positive advances to date, the Dialogue is an opportunity to continue building upon the process that Colombia launched in 2015 to strengthen the administrative capacity of the Associations of Victims of Anti-Personnel Mines. Through the Dialogue, the National Government also seeks to continuing implementation of its commitments related to assistance to victims of anti-personnel mines (*victim assistance*) as a State Party to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (or Ottawa Convention).

The Dialogue organized by the OACP is financially supported by the European Union, whose Council adopted in 2017 a Decision to support States Parties to the Convention that, like Colombia, are showing diligence in strengthening the participation and inclusion of mine and UXO victims within broader disability rights frameworks. The Dialogue has the technical support of the Convention Secretariat, (the Implementation Support Unit, ISU).

We hope you will be able to join us. The agenda and logistic details can be found here, <http://bit.ly/Colombia-VA-Dialogue>.



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