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**Albania Intervention on Preliminary Observations of
Committee on Victim Assistance
(Belgium, Colombia, Croatia, Ecuador)**

Geneva, 7th of June 2018

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Thank you, Madame President / Coordinator

Albania aligns itself with the EU Statement and would like to add the following on national capacity.

On behalf of the Albanian delegation, I would like to express our pleasure at participating in the work of this year's Intersessional Meeting of the AntiPersonnel Mine Ban Convention, while already looking forward to the 17th MSP to be held in November in Geneva.

We would like to thank the Committee on Victim Assistance for their presentation and preliminary observations regarding on the progress, achievements and challenges of States Parties on victim assistance commitments.

In such a short period of time, we took note of those preliminary observations and made our best to provide further information on issues the Committee touched upon. Meanwhile, we have submitted additional information for your consideration and have kindly requested the Anti-Personnel Landmine Convention ISU to reflect it to the website.

Madame President,

The Maputo Action Plan recommends that victim assistance be integrated into broader national and regional policies and frameworks on disability and development. We encourage affected States Parties to continue to indicate in their annual reports and measurable objectives which they seek to achieve through the implementation of their national policies to tangibly contribute to the full, equal and effective participation of mine victims in society.

To conclude, I would like to reiterate Albania's readiness to continue our close cooperation with the Committee on Victim Assistance.

Thank you Madame President.