

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION – CHILE

COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE

(Italy, Chile, Sweden and Thailand)

Intersessional Meetings

30 June – 2 July 2020

Observations of the Committee on the information submitted by Chile

1. The Committee welcomes the submission by Chile of updated information on its victim assistance activities. Based on the information provided, the Committee presents the following preliminary observations.

Mine casualties in 2019

2. The Committee would welcome information on casualties registered in Chile, including disaggregated information on their gender, age and the number of injured and killed.

Establish or strengthen of a centralised database (Action #35)

3. The Committee would welcome information on the existence or strengthening of a national centralised database to maintain information on mine victims and others, such as persons with disabilities.

Integrating victim assistance into broader national policies, plans and legal frameworks and designation of a government entity to oversee the integration (Action #33)

4. The Committee observed that Chile reported that the National Demining Commission (CNAD) through its Executive Secretariat (SECNAD) remains fully responsible to meet the needs of mine victims.
5. The Committee would welcome information on efforts made in integrating victim assistance into broader national policies and programmes, the government entity overseeing the integration process.

Developing and implementing measurable, realistic and time-bound national action plan (Action #33)

6. The Committee would welcome information on existence of victim assistance action plan. The Committee would welcome further on budgets available for the implementation of victim assistance and consideration of gender and diversity in victim assistance activities in Chile.

Removing barriers including physical, social, cultural, political, attitudinal and communication barriers to access such services (Action #33)

7. The Committee would welcome information on any progress or challenges faced in removing barriers that may interrupt or prevent mine victims' access to services.

Applying multi-sectoral efforts to ensure that the needs and rights of mine victims are effectively addressed in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Action #34)

8. The Committee welcome information on efforts made in applying multi-sectoral efforts to meet the needs and rights of mine victims in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Access to first aid and ongoing emergency medical care (Action #36)

9. The Committee observed that Chile reported providing support to victims such as transportation, accommodation and other personalised assistance to victims who have to travel from other places to Santiago for medical support and that in 2019, a total of 738 victims were provided with such medical assistance.
10. The Committee would welcome further information on availability of first aid and emergency medical care in affected regions and information on the number of women, girls, boys and men mine survivors benefited from such assistance in 2019.

Developing national referral mechanism (Action #37)

9. The Committee would welcome information on progress achieved in creating or strengthening national referral mechanism or developing national directory of services in order to ensure survivors receive support more effectively and efficiently.

Access to rehabilitation services including physiotherapy, assistive devices and occupational therapy (Action #38)

10. The Committee observed that Chile reported providing comprehensive assistance to victims. The Committee would welcome further information on number of women, girls, boys and men mine survivors who have been provide with physiotherapy, assistive devices and occupational therapy or other rehabilitation supports in 2019.

Access to psychological and psychosocial services including peer-to-peer support (Action #38)

11. The Committee would welcome information on efforts made in meeting psychological and psychosocial needs of mine victims and on availability of peer-to-peer support.

Access to social and economic inclusion services, including in rural and remote areas (Action #39)

11. The Committee observed that Chile had indicated in its previous reports that a national Law (n° 21,021) was enacted in 2017 guaranteeing provisions of comprehensive support to mine and explosive remnants of war victims including the provision of rehabilitation and social and economic inclusion supports.
12. The Committee would welcome information, disaggregated by age, gender and disability, on mine victims including those living in rural and remote areas who have received social and economic supports in 2019.

Taking measure for safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of risks and emergencies (Action #40)

13. The Committee would welcome information on measures in place to ensure the safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of risks and emergencies, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Strengthening inclusion and participation of mine victims and their representative organisations in all matters that affect them (Action #41)

14. The Committee would welcome information on efforts ensuring the inclusion and participation of mine victims and their representative organisations in relevant national policies and programmes.

Challenges in implementation of Chile's Victim Assistance Commitments

15. The Committee would welcome additional information on main challenges faced by Chile in the fulfilment of its victim assistance commitments and any suggestion it may have on how the Committee and the international community could be of further support to Chile's efforts in fulfilling its victim assistance obligations.