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**EXPERT WORKSHOP
ASSISTANCE TO CHILD VICTIMS
30-31 MAY 2013**

**CENTRE DE CONFÉRENCES DE VAREMBÉ (CCV)
9-11 RUE DE VAREMBÉ**

The workshop aims to lay the groundwork for the development of international guidelines on assistance to child victims to be presented to the Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties (13MSP) to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in December 2013. The workshop should identify the state of, tools and instruments available, and the stage of implementation in affected countries. The workshop should provide this baseline and ideally would gather the input from affected states and other stakeholder on what aspects should be covered by guidelines to be established. The workshop participants would then work out a roadmap until December 2013 in order to formulate international guidelines on assistance to child victims to be presented at the 13MSP.

30 MAY 2013 – SESSION I

09:30 Opening of the workshop

- Ambassador Thomas Hajnoczi of Austria
- Ambassador Alicia Victoria Arango Olmos of Colombia

Keynote address: What's the situation on the ground: problem definition and particular challenges children are facing when they fall victims of mines or other ERW?

- Ms. María Angélica Serrato, Coordinator of the comprehensive assistance to victims of Colombia's Presidential Program of Comprehensive Action against Anti-Personnel Mines (PAICMA), will give an overview of and provide context to the problem of landmines on boys and girls.

Roundtable introductions

- Experts from affected States are kindly asked, during the roundtable introductions, to spend two-to-three minutes responding to the following questions:
 - *Does your country have child victims and if so what is the scope of the problem?*
 - *What are the barriers these children as well as children with disabilities are primarily facing?*

Keynote presentation: Addressing the needs of child victims

- UNICEF

Challenges faced on the ground: the observations of a panel of expert organizations

- Handicap International
- ICRC
- ICBL-CMC

Facilitated discussion to map identified barriers and experiences and measures taken to overcome challenges;

12:30 Lunch

30 MAY 2013 – SESSION II

14:00 The international legal context

- Anti-Personnel Mine-Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit – the approach taken by conventional weapons' instruments
- UNOHCHR: Disability rights and the rights of child victims

A comprehensive approach to assisting child victims

- Facilitated discussion focusing on the following question: *What are main elements of a comprehensive approach to assisting child victims in the framework of international commitments?*

17:30 Workshop adjourns

31 MAY 2013 – SESSION III

09:30 Expressing a comprehensive approach as guidelines for assistance to child victims

- On the basis of the contributions made during the first two sessions, the Co-Chairs will present an initial draft set measures to be considered as guidelines. This will help focus a facilitated discussion on the following question: *How can a comprehensive approach to assisting child victims be expressed as guidelines?*

Developing of a roadmap until December 2013

- What are the critical next steps leading to consideration of guidelines by the States Parties at the 13MSP?

Wrap up and evaluation

12:30 Workshop ends