

STANDING COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION

Questionnaire for States Parties which have reported the responsibility for significant numbers of landmine survivors



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by anti-personnel mines'
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Background:

As the ultimate responsibility of meeting the needs of landmine survivors within a particular State rests with that State, no external actor can define for it what can or should be achieved by when and how in meeting the needs of these survivors. Since the First Review Conference, many of the 24 relevant States Parties made significant advances toward defining these matters. However, the *Geneva Progress Report* recorded that 2006 “efforts to advance national planning and objective-setting through inter-ministerial coordination showed that these are challenging tasks for States Parties. In addition, *the Geneva Progress Report* noted that “States Parties need to ensure efficient and effective use of resources, particularly where capacity and resources to develop and implement objectives and national plans are limited.”

To follow-up on this matter, the Co-Chairs invite the States Parties which have reported the responsibility for significant numbers of landmine survivors to actively participate in the work of the Standing Committee by making brief presentations (i.e., maximum of 10 minutes), in particular by addressing the questions listed below. Given that many States Parties have already provided comprehensive background presentations on the situations in their countries, the Co-Chairs request that only new information be provided to the Standing Committee.

Questions:

1. *What further progress has your State made in ensuring that the victim assistance objectives you have established will provide both a meaningful improvement in the quality of daily lives of mine survivors and other people with disabilities in your State by the end of 2009 and will ensure that this progress can be measured? That is, are your objectives SMART – specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound?*
2. *Can you provide specific examples of the engagement of relevant ministries in the processes of establishing victim assistance objectives and developing and/or implementing subsequent plans of action? How have other relevant actors been involved in these processes?*
3. *Can you provide specific examples of progress in achieving victim assistance objectives that are integrated into your broader health care and social service systems, rehabilitation programmes and legislative and policy frameworks?*