STANDING COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE
AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION

Questionnaire for States Parties in a position to assist others in the care, rehabilitation and reintegration of landmine survivors

Background:

The Geneva Progress Report noted a “two track approach to cooperation on victim assistance,” involving “assistance provided by or through specialised organisations in which assistance specifically targets landmine survivors and other war wounded, and, assistance in the form of integrated approaches in which development cooperation aims to guarantee the rights of all individuals, including persons with disabilities.” The Geneva Progress Report further stated that “while many States Parties have provided information on efforts regarding the former, very little has been provided to indicate efforts that will ultimately benefit landmine survivors are being undertaken through integrated development cooperation.”

To assist States Parties in providing examples of how, through both (a) specialised mine action or post conflict funds and (b) broader bilateral cooperation relationships, they are fulfilling their obligations under Article 6.3 of the Convention to “provide assistance for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims,” the Co-Chairs have provided the following questions.

Questions:

Part I: Fulfillment of Article 6.3 obligations through specialized mine action or post-conflict funds

1. Since the First Review Conference, has your State provided assistance from specialized mine action or post-conflict funds and to or through organizations whose efforts are intended to specifically target landmine survivors and other war wounded with a view to assisting any of the 24 States Parties to the Convention which have reported the responsibility for significant numbers of mine victims?

Part II: Fulfillment of Article 6.3 obligations through bilateral development cooperation

2. Since the First Review Conference, has your development agency been engaged in broader bilateral development cooperation with any of the 24 States Parties to the Convention which have reported the responsibility for significant numbers of mine victims?

3. With respect to one or more bilateral cooperation relationships between your State and the 24 States Parties in question, can you provide examples or case studies of how your development agency’s may ultimately advance the well being of landmine survivors enhancing / building capacity in / delivering programmes and services with respect to:

   a. health care data collection (particularly injury surveillance)
   b. emergency and ongoing medical care
   c. physical rehabilitation
   d. psychological support and social reintegration
   e. economic reintegration
   f. legal and policy frameworks to guarantee the rights of persons with disabilities?

4. What is the policy of your development agency as it concerns disability and development programming?