Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration  
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The time of silence and marginalization is over. We are Raising our Voices. We want to have our rights fulfilled. After today there will be no more silence.

All civilizations and the beauty of this world will remain defective until our human rights are fully respected.
The Raising the Voices program is devoted to that aim. Survivors come each year from around the world to receive training on human rights, the Mine Ban Treaty, and advocacy. Today, we are here from the Middle East region.

Our experiences bring unique perspective and vision. Together, we hope to contribute to the work of this week and would like to share with you our wishes:

Marwan Abou Al-Ezz
Lebanon
For a Mine Free world.

Adnan Al Aboudy
Jordan
The empowerment of survivors needs international cooperation.
Sulieman Ghnemat  
Jordan  
Let’s work together to stop these tragedies.

Saleh Al-Dahyani  
Yemen  
It is already too much that we have been affected by mines, we don’t need it to happen to others.

Saba’a Al-Jarady  
Yemen  
Women survivors have specific and different needs.

Omar Allhebi  
Syria  
When an accident happens we may lose our position but we never lose our dignity.
Ali Srour  
Lebanon  
Fight against Mines.

Hosam Doughouz  
Syria  
Rights not Charity.

A special thanks to our volunteer translators

Je suis Riad  
My name is Fatima  
I’m Kifha

And also: Shahida, Shirien, Farida, Pierre-Alain, Amel, Judy, Julia …
Thank you for your attention