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JASMAR intervention during the meeting of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance under Agenda Item entitled "Assistance and Cooperation".

- My name is Abu Osama Abd Allah, I am the Executive Director of JASMAR.
- JASMAR is a national Sudanese NGO, which is active in the field of combating land mines in its all aspects, (MIZ-E, advocacy, victim assistance and demining).
- JASMAR is an abbreviation for Sudanese Association for Combating Land Mines, it was established in 2001.
- The priority of the organization in the previous time was given to the demining due to the absence of any national NGOs in this sector "other national organizations work in the other sectors."
- The organization completed a training course in humanitarian demining (manual demining and by using dogs), in partnership with OSIL (an NGO from SPLA control areas), and under the supervision and fund of DCA (Dutch church Aid), and the International Standards and quality assurance of UNMAS. This activity is a cross line not just mine action programme it included also confidence and peace building. It was the first time in Sudan to train two organizations from the two parties to the conflict in one place and the same camp.
- The ceremony of graduation was held on 6th April 2003 attended by high level of officials from the two parties of the conflict, UNMAS, JMC, International NGOs was widely covered by national and international media.
- We are planning to utilize the assistance of those teams in demining activities in Nuba Mountains in the near future bearing in mind the priority it represents to the local community.
- The Organization is in real need for more capacity building. It is looking forward to make use of experiences of the other countries and NGOs in this field.
- Other important point, the Sudanese people are expecting the attainment and realization of peace in the near future, then we will be faced with the challenge of landmines. In the post-conflict era the Sudanese people are expecting the international community to provide generous assistance in the field of mine-action.
- Finally, I take this opportunity to thank all agencies that cooperated and supported us like DCA, UNMAS, JMC and our special thank to Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining.  
Thank you again.