QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STATES PARTIES THAT HAVE REPORTED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF LANDMINE SURVIVORS

Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration (Afghanistan and Switzerland)

BACKGROUND:

Annex V of the Zagreb Progress Report records progress made by relevant States Parties in 2005 in establishing victim assistance objectives to be achieved in time for the Second Review Conference. The Zagreb Progress Report additionally states that “while objectives may have been established by many of the 24 States Parties that have reported the responsibility for significant numbers of survivors, it is essential that these States Parties proceed with the more complex task of developing comprehensive national plans to guide the fulfilment of these objectives, ensuring that these plans integrate mine victim assistance into broader health care and social service systems, rehabilitation programmes and legislative and policy frameworks.”

To follow-up on this priority, the Co-Chairs invite the States Parties that have reported the responsibility for significant numbers of landmine survivors to actively participate in the work of the 8-9 May 2006 meeting of the Standing Committee by making brief presentations (i.e., maximum of 10 minutes), in particular by addressing the questions listed below.

To ensure that we can maximize the opportunities presented by the work of the Standing Committee to serve as a forum to, as is stated in the Nairobi Action Plan, “monitor and promote progress in the achievement of victim assistance goals,” we would appeal to you to organize your presentation along the lines of the following questions. Moreover, given that many States Parties have already provided comprehensive background presentations on the situations in their countries, we would 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 both will provide a meaningful guide to progress that can be made 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 comment on the extent to which all relevant ministries have been involved in the processes of establishing victim assistance objectives and developing subsequent plans of action? How have other relevant actors been involved in these processes?

3. How are your victim assistance objectives and plans integrated into broader health care and social service systems, rehabilitation programmes and legislative and policy frameworks?