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Dear Colleagues,

I wish to invite you *the Bangkok Symposium on Landmine Victim Assistance: Enhancing a Comprehensive and Sustainable Mine Action* which will take place in Bangkok, Thailand, on 14 – 17 June 2015.

The Bangkok Symposium is one of the activities that Thailand is undertaking as member of the Victim Assistance Committee of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. The Symposium is aimed at assisting landmine-affected States Parties to strengthen national assistance programmes, identify challenges in implementing the Maputo Action Plan adopted during the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Review Conference in 2014, and integrate landmine assistance programme in a broader disability perspective. In this connection, please find attached herewith the concept paper for the Symposium, administrative arrangements and the tentative programme.

The invitation is extended to all States Parties and States not party to the Convention as victim assistance agenda is equally applicable to all involved in addressing humanitarian challenges associated with mines and other explosive remnants of war. Relevant international organizations and non-governmental organizations are also invited to participate. A limited number of sponsored participation will also be made available to eligible countries.

For further enquiry, please do not hesitate to contact the Permanent Mission of Thailand or the Convention's Implementation Support Unit, which is supporting Thailand with this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

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Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand

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to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of  
Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction;  
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