



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
15th Meeting of the States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty

Statement on Victim Assistance

As it is the first time we take the floor, I would like to thank The Republic of Chile, for hosting this years meeting of state parties and the Implementation Support Unit for the preparations and the valuable work leading up to it.

We fully align ourselves with EU declaration. In our national capacity we would like to state the following.

The Hellenic Republic fully supports, the development of common mechanisms, synergies and actions between Conventions and Treaties where it is a member-state. Such prospective synergies should emphasize the establishment of coherent frameworks thus avoiding the duplication of efforts.

However, as you are aware, Greece has not signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions, as we continue to support that the negotiation process for the ban of such munitions must be undertaken within the UN framework, and the CCW in particular. The inclusive nature of the CCW, where all major stakeholders including producers participate, is the natural forum for common actions, ensuring the necessary balance between military necessity and humanitarian concerns.

Therefore, also taking into consideration the vision and the aims of the recently updated UN Policy on Victim assistance, as well as the legal framework and the principles on which it was based , It is our belief that the initiatives on Victim Assistance must be undertaken within the UN in order to have the maximum possible impact.

Thank you