

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION – CHILE

COMMITTEE ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE (Algeria, Ecuador, Sweden and Thailand) Intersessional Meetings 22-24 June 2021

1. The Committee welcomes the submission by Chile of updated information on its victim assistance activities. Based on the information provided, the Committee presents the following preliminary observations.

Mine casualties

2. The Committee observed that Chile has not reported new mine casualties for the past two years and it would welcome information - disaggregated by gender, age and disability - on all possible mine casualties registered in Chile.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACTIONS:

Strengthen partnerships and integrate victim assistance into broader national policies, plans and legal frameworks and designation of a government entity to oversee the integration (Action #33 and also Actions #1 and #6)

3. The Committee recalls that in 2020 Chile reported that the National Demining Commission (CNAD) through its Executive Secretariat (SECNAD) has been responsible for victim assistance.
4. The Committee would welcome further information on efforts made to integrate victim assistance into broader relevant national policies and programmes.

Develop and implement measurable, realistic and time-bound national action plan (Action #33 and Action #2)

5. The Committee observed that Chile reported that efforts were made to assess and evaluate the needs of mine victims.
6. The Committee would welcome additional information on the existence of victim assistance action plan or on the integration of victim assistance commitments into other relevant action plans, such as disability related plans.

Removing barriers including physical, social, cultural, political, attitudinal and communication barriers to access such services (Action #33)

7. The Committee would welcome Chile reporting on measures in place and progress made to remove any barriers that may hinder social and economic inclusion and participation of mine victims in Chile.

Applying multi-sectoral efforts to ensure that the needs and rights of mine victims are effectively addressed in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Action #34)

8. The Committee would welcome information on progress achieved in applying multi-sectoral efforts to meet the needs and rights of mine victims in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Establish or strengthen of a centralised database / national information management system (Action #35 and also Action #9)

9. The Committee would welcome information on the availability of, or plan to establish a national centralised database to consolidate and maintain information on mine victims and others, such as persons with disabilities, and to make information on mine victims available to relevant stakeholders.

Access to first aid and ongoing emergency medical care (Action #36)

10. The Committee observed that Chile reported that in 2020 a total of 517 healthcare services were provided to mine and UXO victims. Chile reported that the victims' access to health care was facilitated by provision of transportation, accommodation and other personalised assistance enabling them to travel to the capital to access healthcare services.

Developing national referral mechanism (Action #37)

11. The Committee would welcome information on availability of national referral mechanism and national directory of services to facilitate mine victims' access to services.

Access to rehabilitation services including physiotherapy, assistive devices and occupational therapy (Action #38)

12. The Committee observed that Chile reported that victims are provided with comprehensive healthcare services.

13. The Committee would welcome information on availability of rehabilitation services such as physiotherapy, assistive devices and occupational therapy.

Access to psychological and psychosocial services including peer-to-peer support (Action #38)

14. The Committee would welcome information on efforts made to increase the availability of psychological and psychosocial support services and efforts made to develop peer-to-peer support services within the national healthcare system.

Access to social and economic inclusion services, including in rural and remote areas (Action #39)

15. The Committee recalls that in the past Chile reported that the National Law 21,021 guarantees the provisions of comprehensive support to mine and explosive remnants of war victims including the provision of rehabilitation and social and economic inclusion supports.

16. The Committee would welcome an update on efforts made to increase access to social and economic services including in rural and remote areas.

Taking measure for safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of risks and emergencies (Action #40)

17. The Committee would welcome information on efforts made to ensure the safety and protection of mine survivors in situations of risks and humanitarian emergencies, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Strengthening inclusion and participation of mine victims and their representative organisations in all matters that affect them (Action #41 and also Action #4)

18. The Committee would welcome information on progress made with regards to inclusion and participation of mine victims and their representative organisations in relevant policies and programmes.

CROSS - CUTTING ACTIONS:

Demonstrate high levels of national ownership, including [...] by making financial and other commitments to implementation (Action #1)

19. The Committee observed that Chile reported that comprehensive healthcare services were provided to mine victims.

20. The Committee would welcome additional information on allocation of national financial resources for the implementation of Chile's victim assistance commitments.

Ensure that the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men are considered (Action #3)

21. The Committee would welcome information on measures in place to ensure the consideration of gender and diversity in victim assistance activities in Chile.

Challenges in implementation of Victim Assistance Commitments (Action #8)

22. The Committee would welcome information on challenges faced by Chile in meeting the needs and rights of mine victims, and any support it may require, including from the international community, to fulfil its victim assistance commitments under the Convention and the OAP.