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**STATEMENT OF CAMBODIA ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE**  
**21 MSP TO THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION**  
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**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The Royal Government of Cambodia strengthened coordination to improve service effectiveness and mobilize resources and technical assistance to support the Mine and ERW survivors and their families. Through this mechanism, relevant government ministries, subnational authorities, NGOs, and the private sector actively participate in victim assistance activities.

The Cambodian Mine/ERW Victim Information System (CMVIS) recorded over **65,000** mine and ERW casualties from 1979 to 2022. In 2022 alone, **41** mine and ERW casualties – **24** were injured, **10** killed, and **7** amputated were recorded.

Cambodia's commitments to improve the quality of life of mine and ERW survivors and persons with disabilities have been underscored by its formulation and execution of legal and operational frameworks. The hosting of the Third Global Conference on the Assistance to Victims of Anti-Personnel Mines and Other Explosive Ordnances in a Disability Rights context in Phnom Penh in October this year justifies the commitment.

Relevant stakeholders actively participated in increasing available victim assistance support services across the continuum of care. We have seen improved and enhanced provision of emergency assistance to victims through emergency response and medical treatment, long-term physical rehabilitation, psychological and socio-economic support, vocational training, job placement, and occupational therapy. Other efforts include improving referral pathways and

disseminating service and rights information to victims, survivors, and their families.

In 2022, 25 volunteer survivor networks conducted a Quality of Life Survey by interviewing 3,420 persons with disabilities, among them 1,295 were mine and ERW survivors.

23,468 persons with disabilities, including 8,630 mine and ERW survivors received services from 11 Physical Rehabilitation Centers such as prosthetics, orthotics, wheelchairs, tricycles, and walking aids including crutches cans, and walking frames and repair services.

307 mine and ERW amputees who experienced phantom limb pain received mirror therapy training and mirrors. 289 service receivers were tracked by the trainer organization to understand improvement.

543 mine and ERW survivors received loans from the Cambodian Red Cross with no interest to create small business.

### **Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Despite of these achievements, Cambodia still faces many challenges regarding under-resourcing in emergency support and ongoing medical care, rehabilitation services, physiotherapy, vocational training skills, and community services. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to call for technical and financial assistance from development partners to overcome these challenges and ensure that persons with disabilities can live with dignity and equality.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to development partners for their invaluable collaboration and contribution to Cambodia in undertaking its obligations to mine and ERW survivors and other persons with disabilities.

**Thank you.**