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STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR  
DESTRUCTION**

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**Statement by Germany under Agenda item 8d – *Assisting the victims***

Mr. President,

Germany fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union. I would like to add some additional remarks in my national capacity.

Germany takes a heartfelt interest in improving the lives of those who have suffered from the scourge of mines, explosive remnants of war or improvised explosive devices.

Please allow me to share some specific examples that stand for so many others in our 11 priority countries for this and next year:

- We have helped provide physical rehabilitation services to an Iraqi shepherd, who had lost both legs in an accident with an improvised explosive device laid by ISIS. In his rural hometown, assistive technologies and services would have been inaccessible otherwise.
- We have provided specialized prosthetics to almost 100 mine victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina. They will be served for three years with retrofittings and replacements. Thanks to the support of a local NGO partner, many of them have returned to their jobs and others are training to do so.

- And we have worked together with the national and regional stakeholders in affected states, in order to share best practices for an integrated approach to victim assistance – so that it be effectively integrated into public healthcare and social protection schemes.

Our ultimate goal continues to be the full, equal, inclusive, and genuine participation of mine and ERW victims in their societies. To this end – and other strategic mine action objectives under the Convention – Germany contributed around 140 million Euro over the last two years alone. We are the second-largest bilateral donor in this field.

As our objective for victim assistance is that all people in contaminated areas can lead self-determined lives in safety and dignity, we will continue to strengthen national capacities and promote national ownership of affected states.

Mr. President,

In the same spirit that we have collaborated with our partner countries on their national mine action strategies, my government has published its new strategy on humanitarian mine action earlier this year. Victim assistance is part of a comprehensive set of nine objectives, against which we aim to measure our success over the next years.

On behalf of my government, I thank all implementing partner institutions as well as our national counterparts for their exceptional effort and dedication to our joint cause.

Germany reiterates the importance of ensuring that those affected by mines and explosive remnants of war be supported in the best ways possible. Let us continue to support these brave individuals in their return to their everyday lives.

Thank you, Mr. President.