

Statement of the Delegation of Thailand
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Madam President,

1. Thailand wishes to express its appreciation to **Burkina Faso** for its leadership in the **Committee on Victim Assistance**, and for their continued efforts to advance the rights, dignity, and well-being of mine victims and affected communities.

2. Victim assistance remains central to the objectives of this Convention. In Thailand, the number of landmine victims has steadily decreased since the early 2000s — with this trend continuing up until July 2025. Thailand has consistently implemented comprehensive victim assistance measures across all stages of recovery:

- **Immediate phase:** specialized teams conduct field assessments, provide emergency welfare assistance, and arrange temporary safe shelters through the One Home mechanism. Information is made accessible in formats suitable for different types of disabilities.

- **Medium term:** Thailand continues to provide mobility aid, assistive devices, and home modification to enhance safety and improve daily living for survivors.

- **Long term:** We closely monitor individual progress, provide vocational training through nine regional vocational development centers for persons with disabilities, and support income-generation through employment promotion and accessible loan schemes. Additional services - including personal assistants, sign-language interpretation, legal aid, and the 1479 Disability Hotline – help ensure that survivors receive timely and comprehensive support.

3. For the seven Thai soldiers who sustained permanent disabilities from stepping on newly planted landmines in the recent incidents along the Thailand – Cambodia border, long-term support, rehabilitation, and financial assistance, are being provided for them and their families.

4. Looking ahead, Thailand is committed to advancing victim assistance in **three priority** directions:

5. **First**, we will continue to **strengthen the capacity of personnel** working directly with victims, particularly those involved in emergency response, rehabilitation, and long-term community support. Skilled and well-equipped frontline workers are essential to ensuring that assistance is effective, timely, and responsive to individual needs.

6. **Second**, Thailand will continue to **promote the full and meaningful participation of mine survivors** in all aspects of **decision-making**. This includes fostering survivors' leadership in planning, monitoring, and evaluation processes, as well as expanding opportunities for peer support and empowerment.

7. **Third**, we aim to **strengthen data systems** by improving the **collection, integration, and use of information**, particularly on intersecting vulnerabilities such as gender, age, and disability. Complete-set of disaggregated data is essential for designing inclusive policies, allocating resources, and monitoring progress under the Convention.

Madam President/ Vice-President

8. In line with the APMBC framework and the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance, Thailand wishes to see the Convention continue to evolve in ways that **strengthen victim assistance**, particularly in the following areas:

(1) **The development of comprehensive and accessible data systems on victims** that support both service provision and enable relevant agencies to act, while ensuring strong safeguards for privacy and data protection.

(2) **The full and meaningful participation of mine survivors in national disability-development initiatives**, ensuring that their voices inform broader policy dialogues and program design beyond victim-assistance-specific activities.

(3) **The enhancement of cooperation among stakeholders** at the community, local government, national, and international levels – to **establish a coordinated, sustainable, and rights-based victim assistance system** that reflects the humanitarian objectives of the Convention.

9. Thailand reaffirms its commitment to working closely with the Committee on Victim Assistance and all States Parties to ensure that no survivor is left behind.

10. Together, we can build resilient communities, uphold human dignity, and fulfill the humanitarian objectives of this Convention— striving **not only to assist victims, but to prevent harm in the first place.**

I thank you.