

Statement of the Delegation of Thailand
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Mr. Chair,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

Victim assistance is one of the key obligations under the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. Since joining the Convention in 1999, Thailand has recognized the critical importance of upholding **the rights, dignity, and well-being** of those affected by landmines and other explosive remnants of war.

Through **the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEP)** under the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, alongside other agencies such as the Thailand Mine Action Center (TMAC), the National Institute for Emergency Medicine (NIEM), and local organizations, Thailand has made **concerted efforts** to support mine victims on various fronts. Currently, 667 mine survivors are registered as persons with disabilities.

Mr. Chair,

Thailand's approach to victim assistance is guided by our national policies, including the **"5 x 5 Population Crisis Strategy,"** (aiming to address the issue through five strategies, each with five main measures). **Strategic Pillar 4** is specifically on enhancing opportunities and dignity for persons with disabilities.

Thailand's efforts are structured around **three key dimensions**:

First is **Empowerment and Support**. We focus on building the capacity of mine victims and their families through training, upskilling, and reskilling programs to enhance employment opportunities. Victims also have access to financial assistance through the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities' Fund as well as social welfare and rehabilitation services.

Second is **Improving Facilities and Services**. Thailand has upgraded 9 regional occupational development centers to provide vocational training and promote

participation in sports and income-generating activities of persons with disabilities. We are also advancing digital service systems to better reach persons with disabilities.

Third is **Crisis Response and Accessibility**. A rapid welfare response center and disaster response map have been established to coordinate support for vulnerable groups. Victims can access emergency assistance via hotline 1300 and the Line Official Account: ESS Help Me.

Despite these efforts, challenges remain, particularly in remote areas where **limited access** to information and services impedes awareness and access to rights and support.

To address these gaps, Thailand has adopted a **three-phase approach**. In the **short-term**, we will enhance immediate assistance, registration, and access to basic rights for persons with disabilities. For the **medium-term**, we will focus on protection and skills development. And in the **long-term**, we will prioritize job creation for sustainable livelihoods, and awareness-raising efforts for full social inclusion.

Mr. Chair,

Thailand reaffirms its commitment to the Convention and to the effective, inclusive, and coordinated support for mine victims. Guided by the **Siem Reap–Angkor Action Plan 2025–2029** (Actions 30-39), we look forward to working with all partners to advance victim assistance and call for continued international support in this vital endeavor.

Thank you.

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