

Statement by

The Delegation of Lao PDR on Victim Assistance

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Mr./Madam Chair,

Question 1 (Action# 20+25)

We began developing a "Survivor Tracking System" that will enable us to assess the needs of survivors. We also developed 6 position papers that review availability, accessibility and quality of services. But a lot more work needs to be done and capacities need to be increased further.

Question 2

The NRA is the focal point within the government for victim assistance matters. We have a database of UXO casualties hosted by the NRA and regularly updated it should gradually be reinforced with new data coming from the survivor tracking system.

Question 3

The NRA technical working group on victim assistance serves as a coordination mechanism. It now involves cluster Munition Survivors from the Lao Ban Advocates, As well as the Lao disabled people association and the national commission for persons with disabilities laws and policies were reviewed and are considered to be sufficient.

Question 4

All actors of disability now meet on a quarterly basis within the Technical Working Group on victim assistance.

Thank you for your attention.