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Written Statement by Sweden

Agenda item 10 (g) Cooperation and assistance

Mr. President,

Sweden stands fully by the statement given by the European Union and would like to give some brief additional information on cooperation and assistance from a national perspective.

In our annual report, we have provided a detailed account of the assistance given in 2013 to mine action, which amounted to a total of 85 million Swedish kronor (which corresponds to approximately 10 million Euro). Over the past ten years, Sweden has contributed financially to mine action with a total amount of around 10 million Euro per year globally, or some 100 million Euro over the whole period. This refers to mines as well as to ERW, including cluster munitions.

Swedish support is mainly administered by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sida. In recent years, particular attention has been given to the thematic areas of demining and mine awareness. In 2013, major activities were supported in Mozambique, Iraq and South Sudan. In addition, support was given to the GICHD, Geneva Call and UNICEF for projects and activities involving awareness, advocacy and mine risk education. Among these activities, Sweden engaged in a number of projects which include actions specifically targeted on cluster munitions. One of them is the global support to UNICEF for its "Programme against Armed Violence". Other projects include our support to activities in Afghanistan and Iraq, through the Danish Demining Group, and also with MAG in Iraq. In 2013, Sweden also made a contribution to the on-going work of Norwegian People's Aid to demining in Cambodia with special focus on cluster munitions.

Mr. President,

Sweden has, in its role as co-coordinator for cooperation and assistance, participated in developing ideas for how the Convention can facilitate the connection of needs with resources. One such idea is the proposed establishment of an online Cooperation Portal for the Convention's website.

We have recently submitted information on resources available and relevant contact information for assistance projects, to the trial version of this Portal, and we encourage also other States Parties and Signatories to do so.

Thank you, Mr. President, for your attention.