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Statement by Sweden
Agenda item 7 (d) Victim assistance

Mr President,

I would like to start by thanking Ireland and Italy for their work as coordinators on victim assistance.

In line with principles raised in international aid effectiveness processes, Sweden believes that the national ownership and the political will of the cooperation partner countries is key to achieving sustainable development. In our view, cooperation on mine action needs to be fully integrated into the development dialogue. This is the way to tackle remaining challenges such as uncleared land and assistance to survivors.

Sweden doesn't distinguish between the development assistance that we provide to mine or cluster munitions survivors in accordance with the Conventions we are party to, and the support we provide to the health care sector as a whole in affected countries. Swedish support to sustainable health care, infrastructure and personnel, and to medical education, training and services in such countries, and as part of their own development strategies, can be estimated at around 100 million EUR over the recent five-year period.

We would like to emphasize the linkage with the UN Convention of the Rights of persons with disabilities, which sets a wider framework to address comprehensively the needs of survivors and their full and equal participation in society. This perspective has been instrumental in moving the accessibility agenda forward in many countries worldwide.

Thank you Mr. President.”