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Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration

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Excellencies,

Distinguished colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled is government focal point in the field of disability and VA affairs. MoLSMD along with the Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Education and other National and international disability stakeholders provide VA and Disability services for persons with disabilities including the mine/ERW survivors through an inclusive and effective manner

To ensure the existing Law on the Rights and Benefits of Persons with Disabilities amended according to the CRPD obligations, some articles of the law were amended. One of the amended provisions secures 5 to 7 percent increase to the privileges and entitlements of war related disabilities including mines/ERW survivors such as disability pension, scholarships and land distribution. Meanwhile a comparative analysis between the CRPD and exiting disability law was undertaken by the MoLSAMD and other disability stakeholders.

The Ministry of Education together with national and international stakeholders drafted a policy on Inclusive Education and **Child Friendly**. This policy translated into local language for wider consultation and now it is almost at final stage, the education rights of children with disabilities are an integral part of the policy,

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and MoLSAMD jointly tasked a committee to prepare the first report of Afghanistan on CRPD.

In terms of capacity development, MoLSAMD with financial support from UNMAS trained 95 staff of the ministry on Advocacy, advance database, disability and rehabilitation, disability and decent work, disability and good governance.

To better support the inclusion of children with disabilities, the Ministry of Education trained 4,185 school teachers and 3,819 children with disabilities and their parents since 2009 on inclusive education in Afghanistan to ensure rights of all learners to a quality education are fulfilled.

The Ministry of Public Health trained 210 health staff including doctors, nurses and midwives in different parts of the country.

The third version of the Afghanistan National Policy for Persons with Disabilities was translated into local language and ready for wider consultation and comments with government agencies and stakeholders. VA is an integral portion of the policy.

MoLSAMD launched the National Partnership on Children with Disabilities (NPCWD) on 25 February 2014 to support the rights of children with disabilities. The first NPCWD workshop held to discuss further actions related preparation of an action plan and establishment of a taskforce.

To mainstream the disability in development agenda of various ministries, the MoLSAMD, UNMAS, Department of Mine Clearance and Ministry of Finance held a workshop with advisors of the Civilian Technical Assistance Programme (CTAP) to raise awareness on disability issues and discuss about mainstreaming of disability in developmental agenda of certain ministries and directorates.

While there is tangible progress on the ground in particular the ratification of conventions and amendment of disability law in legal support and advocacy, there are significant challenges in funding, capacity, sustainability to overcome.