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considering the significant increase of victims of war



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We thank the resource persons for their presentations on the challenges to the implementation of Victim Assistance obligations under the Convention. Our delegation recognizes the current challenges being faced by this aspect of the Convention. We support calls for synergizing the approaches with other humanitarian disarmament conventions, such as the APMBC and the CCW, as well as from other conventions such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Philippines does not have experience on addressing the concerns and needs of victims of cluster munitions. But through potential partnerships, exchange of best practices, or any other form of collective action, we can draw on our experiences of providing assistance to victims of explosive remnants of war in conflict areas in times of conflict and even long after. We hope to contribute to the implementation of Victim Assistance obligations through these experiences and we invite other delegations and stakeholders to explore a similar approach as one way to address the current challenges on victim assistance.