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STATEMENT ON VICTIM ASSISTANCE
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Mr. President, Excellencies, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

At the outset, Cambodia warmly congratulates Lao PDR on its Presidency of the Convention and wishes you every success in guiding this important Review Conference.

On behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I am honored to present Cambodia's continuing efforts to assist survivors of landmines, cluster munitions and other explosive remnants of war.

Cambodia has established a comprehensive national approach to victim assistance, coordinated by the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority in partnership with relevant ministries, local authorities, civil society and the private sector. Our approach covers emergency medical care, physical rehabilitation, mental health and psychosocial support, socio-economic inclusion and legal protection.

Cambodia continues to strengthen the national framework underpinning this work. Key developments include the Cambodian Mine Action Standard on Victim Assistance adopted in 2024, the National Disability Strategic Plan 2024–2028, the National Guideline on Explosive Ordnance Victims adopted in August 2026, and the National Mine Action Policy 2026–2035, officially launched earlier this month.

Accurate data is fundamental to our response. Cambodia has recorded 65,155 mine and ERW casualties since 1979. Between January and August 2026, 30 new casualties were recorded, resulting in seven deaths, sixteen injuries and seven amputations. The Cambodia–Thailand border conflicts have brought additional humanitarian consequences. Cluster munition incidents in 2025 and 2026 resulted in ten casualties, including three deaths, six injuries and one amputation.

Mr. President,

Our priority is to ensure that survivors receive timely assistance, live with dignity and participate fully in society. In partnership with the Cambodian Red Cross, immediate relief is provided to newly affected survivors, while rehabilitation, psychosocial support and referral services continue to be strengthened, particularly in remote and border communities. Cambodia is also advancing socio-economic inclusion through partnerships with the private sector across various industries, creating opportunities for skills development, employment, entrepreneurship and greater economic independence.

Cambodia remains committed to improving the quality of life of mine, cluster munition and ERW survivors, consistent with the humanitarian objectives of the Convention. We sincerely thank all partners who continue to support Cambodia in this important endeavor.

Thank you.