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Update of the Protocol V Guide on National Reporting

Introduction

In 2012 High Contracting Parties agreed to amend the national reporting template to include Form F(a) on victim assistance. In 2013 High Contracting Parties mandated the Coordinator on National Reporting with the support of the Implementation Support Unit to “ensure that the Guide to National Reporting reflects the recent changes to date made to the National Reporting Form…” Set out below is guidance that High Contracting Parties may wish to draw upon when reporting under Form F(a). It should be emphasized that he Guide to National Reporting is a tool to assist High Contracting Parties with their reporting and does not purport to be mandatory. The guidance focuses on Article 8(2) of Protocol V and the Protocol V Plan of Action on Victim Assistance as those are the two documents referenced in Form F(a).

Article 8(2) of Protocol V calls on High Contracting Parties in a position to do so to “provide assistance for the care and rehabilitation and social and economic reintegration of victims of explosive remnants of war”. The reporting under Form F(a) provides an opportunity for affected countries to identify gaps and issues where they cannot provide the necessary support to victims and require international assistance.

Proposed amendment to the Protocol V Guide to National Reporting

International cooperation and assistance for victim assistance

For donor countries: does your country support international cooperation and assistance activities relating to victim assistance? If so, in which areas of victim assistance? What type of projects? What is the level of funding and the funding requirements?

For affected countries: Does your country receive international support to address explosive remnants of war? If so, is any of the support allocated to victim assistance?

Data on victims

Are there victims of explosive remnants of war under your country’s jurisdiction or control? Does your country have any data on victims or persons with disabilities? If “Yes”, then which ministry or institution is responsible for collecting such data? How does this data relate to the overall population?

Medical assistance

1 Paragraph 33(d), CCW/PV/CONF/2013/11.
What medical care, rehabilitation, psychological support services are available for treating injuries such as those caused by ERW? According to the severity of impairment of the victims, do different levels of facilities exist? For example, in-patient versus out-patient care?

Is emergency and ongoing medical care, including hospitals that can treat ERW related injuries, available? Is emergency transportation available? How are these services made available to victims?

Are prosthetic/orthotic services available, accessible and affordable for ERW victims? How are these services made available to ERW victims and for how long?

Are rehabilitation services available, accessible and affordable to victims of ERW? Are rehabilitation services provided based on an individual needs assessment?

Social and economic reintegration

What measures are in place to support the social and economic inclusion of victims? For example, can victims access formal education? What programs exist for income generation, including employment, micro-enterprise support, affirmative action programmes, vocations trainings for victims and persons with disabilities?

What incentives are provided by your country to increase employment of victims and persons with disabilities? These may include quotas, tax incentives and government employment of victims and persons with disabilities.

Laws and policies

Is there a national plan on persons with disabilities? If so, how is the work on victim assistance incorporated into your Government’s national plan on persons with disabilities? And into the Government’s overall development framework? How is the progress of victims tracked within these different frameworks?

Is there a comprehensive law to protect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities? If not, what laws exist that address the rights of persons with disabilities, including victims? If possible, please attach of the relevant legislation.

How is coordination persons with disabilities, including victims, among the ministries, institutions and other relevant stakeholders carried out? Is there a national budget to support the work on victim assistance?

Focal point and inclusion
Is there a focal point within your Government on victim assistance? If so, please provide the contact details of the focal point and the ministry or institution.

What opportunities are there for victims to contribute and be actively involved in the Government’s plans and policies that will impact on them? If applicable, list the projects underway to integrate victims into the planning and policy process. What is the contribution of victims to such work?