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**Meeting of the Standing Committees**

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**Oral Statement on Victim Assistance**

**Sudan**

Madam/Sir Chairs

Ladies and Gentlemen

The victim assistance program in Sudan is managed with the belief that VA is a set of concrete activities and strategies aimed at improving the quality of life of mine/ERW victims and People with Disabilities in the Country.

This report focuses mostly on the achievements of the Victim Assistance Program in Sudan over the course of the past months, and it makes an attempt to address the specific questions raised by the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance.

Cartagena Action Plan was shared with the members of the VA working group in Khartoum during the VA coordination meeting held in January 2010. This group includes representatives from governmental bodies, UN agencies, local and international NGOs. CAP was also shared with Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign affairs and Ministry of Social welfare. The document was uploaded in the National Mine Action office NMAC web site [www.nmap-sudan.org](http://www.nmap-sudan.org).

In addition, the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, who participated in the Cartagena Summit, held a press conference in February 2010 during which he highlighted the CAP objectives and related issues. He reiterated the commitments of Sudan towards the full implementation of CAP and especially the support for the Mine /ERW victims and other Persons with disabilities.

During the celebration of the International Mine Awareness and Assistance to Mine Action, the CAP was made aware to the audience through the speeches of governmental representatives.

Landmine victims Associations were empowered and involved in implementation of victim assistance /disability projects. Mine/ERW victims and other persons with disabilities are fully involved in all the VA activities such as monthly coordination meetings, VA training course, special events such as International Mine awareness and Assistance to Mine Action day and awareness campaigns concerned with their rights.

Coordination is on going through the VA monthly coordination meetings which is attended by VA working group.

Data collection: The National Mine Action office had developed a national data base using a unified format compatible with the IMSMA.

Four meetings were held in Ministry of Social Welfare in collaboration and coordination with other disability partners including NMAC and UNMAO, the main purpose of the meetings was to review and modify the national disability Law and legal frameworks and to establish the higher council for disability.

A Mine Action transition plan was revised and incorporates the plan of action of VA for the coming five years. All VA objectives are in line with the CAP VA objectives.

Sudanese participation has been active in all the convention related activities and includes experts from various mine action and disability fields. Participation of Mine survivors and persons with disabilities has been encouraged and supported.

The VA team from NMAC attended courses in Project management, Resource mobilization and proposal writing; those courses were conducted by Cranfield University. VA team attended also a program management course conducted by Reference Company in Khartoum. The first VA training course in Khartoum was organized by the NMAC. The course was attended by 24 representatives from governmental bodies, NGOs and LMVAs.

A total of 15 VA projects have been supported in Sudan. The projects, which are implemented by national and international NGOs, cover areas such as psychical rehabilitation, Socio-economic reintegration, Psychological support, Capacity building ,Information management and advocacy.

The National Strategic Framework for Victim Assistance, the National Victim Assistance Work plan and the VA transition plan ensure a compliance with the CAP

**Thank you**