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To: The Permanent Missions of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

The Permanent Missions of States not party to the United Nations in Geneva

Relevant international and non-governmental organizations

Re: Save the date, Global Conference on Assistance to Victims of Landmines and other Explosive Remnants of War

Dear Excellencies, colleagues,

We are pleased to inform you that the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit with support of the European Union will convene a global conference on assistance to victims of landmines and other explosive remnants of war the second week of September in Amman, Jordan, under the banner *Fostering Partnerships*.

Twenty years after the entry-into-force of the Convention – and on the eve of the Convention's Fourth Review Conference – it is timely to examine international initiatives and efforts to promote partnerships and synergies to more effectively meet our Victim Assistance commitments.

In order for the conference to make an informed valuable contribution to States Parties implementing victim assistance commitments, and empower landmine survivors and other persons with disabilities to become active agents in their own development, *Fostering Partnerships* will focus on the following key questions:

- What are the challenges impeding integration of victim assistance into broader contexts of disability and development frameworks that need to be addressed?
- What can be done to more effectively break out of silos and build bridges in areas of disability, development and victim assistance to harmonize efforts to achieve common goals?
- What are the unexploited resources and opportunities that States Parties with significant numbers of landmine survivors could explore to mobilise resources to respond to the needs of mine survivors and other persons with disabilities?
- What concrete actions could be taken to foster partnerships at local, national, regional and international levels to address the needs of mine survivors and other persons with disabilities in a sustainable manner, where “no one is left behind”?

A formal invitation to this important event will be issued in the upcoming weeks. In the meantime however, we ask that you kindly communicate this information to your relevant ministries and victim assistance and disability rights experts for consideration to participating in this three-day conference. We also urge States to begin the effort to identify key focal persons and relevant experts for participation and sponsorship. Please find enclosed further information related to this significant event.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to present you the assurance of our highest consideration,



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