

INTERVENTION BY THE PHILIPPINES

Victim Assistance

We extend our gratitude to Panama, the Coordinator on Victim Assistance, for presenting the work plan and outlining the activities planned in this thematic area.

While the Philippines does not have reported victims of cluster munitions, our delegation fully supports efforts to fulfill the obligations under Article 5 of the Convention. We stand in solidarity with States Parties and donors working to address this challenge. Our national agencies have considerable experience in addressing the needs, whether social, economic, and psychosocial, of victims of explosive remnants of war. Having endured internal conflicts for decades, the Philippines has established robust institutions that provide assistance to victims of explosive weapons, addressing issues such as disabilities, economic marginalization, and psychological trauma, among others.

The Philippines remains committed to collaborating with the Coordinator and other States Parties, sharing our best practices that align with the Article 5 obligations of the Convention.