



Statement of the Republic of Croatia on update on the obligations of the States parties under article 5

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Thank you Mr. President.

The Republic of Croatia has highly developed legal framework relating to the persons with disabilities in realizing their legitimate rights and status. There are 4 basic forms of mine victim assistance in which ministries, institutions, non-governmental sector, a number of organizations and individual initiatives take part in, such as medical care, physical rehabilitation, psychological help and social reintegration and professional and economic rehabilitation.

Psychosocial interdisciplinary centers are available in all 21 counties with four being regional centers for psychological services that provide psychotherapeutic services, with the main center in the capital Zagreb. House of Croatian Veterans is accommodation / rehabilitation institution that can permanently or temporarily reside Homeland War veterans, returnees from the peacekeeping missions, injured deminers and members of their families, civilian war victims, as well as other persons in need (including mine/UXO victims and survivors), depending on their health status and socio-economic situation (for the time being, one center is operational and running with others in plan to opened).

Within the framework of the Swiss Croatian Cooperation Programme, the project “Demining and socio-economic integration” is being implemented. The project includes demining of the protected forest area and mine victim assistance in terms of their successful integration. Within this project we plan to establish a comprehensive data base on mine victims, needs assessments and implementation on training courses and other forms of support. The project implementation unit has been formed and the public procurement procedures have been carried out for the services of conducting a survey.