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Report of the Friend of the Chair on Victim Assistance

1. This report represents the best estimate of the Friend of the Chair on victim assistance and is the result of a number of informal consultations, as well as bilateral meetings held with all interested delegations during the first session of the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) in 2010.
2. All delegations have engaged constructively in the deliberations and discussions which were aimed at finding solutions for remaining outstanding issues.
3. In article 10, paragraph 2, on the issue of the part of the phrase “and other persons with disabilities”, one delegation still maintains its concerns. Several inputs and suggestions were made on how to resolve this matter. It is the estimate of the Friend of the Chair that, at this point, further discussion is still needed on this issue.
4. On the issue of the definition of cluster munition victims in article 2, paragraph 14, agreement could not be reached yet at this stage although similarly, different inputs and comments have been made from interested delegations. Further consultations are needed on this particular matter.
5. The Friend of the Chair will continue to work on the text based on the received comments and taking into account all the suggestions that have been made, in the period leading to the informal meeting at the end of June, with all interested delegations.