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Liechtenstein

As a State party to the CCW, and all of its protocols, Liechtenstein has been attaching ^{with} great importance to the issue of victim assistance. In fact, the humanitarian aspect has been the main reason for Liechtenstein to also join the club of parties to Protocol V. We therefore welcome the relevant work undertaken by experts under the able leadership of the Austrian coordinators and wish to add our voice to those delegations that have expressed their support ~~for~~ the Plan of Action on victim assistance which has been submitted to this Conference. We are particularly pleased to note the provision which stipulates the need for ^{active} full involvement of victims in the ~~elaboration of national plans~~ ^{implementation of the action plans}. It is our firm conviction that such ^{condition} measure is critical for the effectiveness of any activity aimed at victim relief and assistance. We also support the reference in the preamble to the potential negative effects of ERW on victims' families and communities.

as well as the reference to the need to coordinate efforts undertaken in various fora to address the rights and needs of victims of various types of weapons.

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For these reasons ~~we are~~ in favour of adoption of the proposed Plan of Action.