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Question: Besidesicans Mitch, you have mentioned that in our country, we have a strong nation that supports people, which is why we decided to remove the landmines. Can you tell us about the demining process and the national capacity needed to achieve this?

Dr. Pastora: Concerning the demining process, we have been working on it for the last few years. We have received requests for help from the donors, and we have been able to remove the landmines, particularly in rural areas. The process is not an easy task, and we have had to engage in training programs and awareness campaigns to ensure that the landmines are removed efficiently. The national capacity needed to achieve this is significant, involving technical assistance, financial support, and the involvement of the army and community efforts.

Question: What role does the Ministry of Defense play in the demining process?

Dr. Pastora: The Ministry of Defense has a crucial role in the demining process. We have been working closely with the army and community organizations to ensure that the landmines are removed efficiently. We have also been working with other organizations, such as Desminado Humanitario, to support the demining efforts. The Ministry of Defense has also been involved in training programs and awareness campaigns to ensure that the communities understand the dangers of landmines and how to avoid them.

Question: How many landmines are remaining to be destroyed?

Dr. Pastora: Currently, there are 66,813 landmines remaining, and we estimate that the demining process will take time. However, we are confident that we will be able to complete the task in the future.

Question: Concerning victim assistance, what are the roles of the Ministry of Defense and the communities?

Dr. Pastora: Concerning victim assistance, the Ministry of Defense and the communities work together to ensure that the victims of the conflict are supported. The Ministry of Defense has been involved in training programs and awareness campaigns to ensure that the communities understand the dangers of landmines and how to avoid them. The Ministry of Defense has also been involved in training programs and awareness campaigns to ensure that the communities understand the dangers of landmines and how to avoid them.

Question: What can the countries do to support the demining process?

Dr. Pastora: Countries can support the demining process by providing technical assistance, financial support, and the involvement of their armies. The goal is to remove the landmines and create a safe environment for the communities. The countries can also support the demining process by engaging in training programs and awareness campaigns to ensure that the communities understand the dangers of landmines and how to avoid them.