

*1.3.1 Information from DND and DFAIT Experts*

At the beginning of the study, discussions were held with Director Military Engineering (DMILE) to review the strategy for conducting the study and to obtain information from DND experts. DMILE is also the contracting authority and the Project Officer responsible for all matters concerning the technical contents of the work. The technical reports and publications on landmines available at DND were accessed through Defence Science Information Services (DSIS) from the existing data base. Information on Canadian landmines and worldwide existing landmines was obtained through meetings with Director Ammunition Clothing and Materiel Engineering (DACME), Director Armament Operation Explosive Safety (DAOES) and DMILE.

Visits were made to Defence Research Establishment Valcartier (DREV) and Defence Research Establishment Suffield (DRES) to meet with scientists to discuss and gather information on landmines in general and fusing mechanisms in particular. During the visit to DRES, a meeting was held with representatives of the School of Military Engineering, Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack, to discuss the user perspective on the handling of landmines.

Information on the revisions to the CCW convention was obtained from the DFAIT experts by attending a workshop on Convention on Conventional Weapons: Verification, Confidence Building and Landmine Retrofitting, held in Ottawa in October, 1994.

*1.3.2 Information available at SNCIT*

SNCIT manufactured some of the landmines used by DND. Technical information data packages and the cost to manufacture these conventional landmines are available at SNCIT. In addition, SNCIT collected information on some sophisticated landmines with self destruct and self neutralizing devices through a marketing study conducted in 1990 to assist DND. The information available through this marketing study is also used.