

energetically and with determination, for universal adherence to the treaty.

Canada is privileged to be playing a role in helping the world achieve a ban on AP mines — to be working with the extraordinarily committed and prescient leaders of NGOs communities who have galvanized civil society and forged a new and unique partnership with governments to achieve the ban.

In working together in the Ottawa Process, we believe that we may be making history in both substance and process. We will negotiate and sign a multilateral treaty banning an entire category of weapons in the shortest time ever. We will achieve this goal using a new sort of multilateralism: one which draws on the common energies and vision of governments and civil society. This new approach to multilateral diplomacy may well have lessons worth applying in other areas of the international agenda.

In a few months there will be a ban on AP mines. The world is halfway there and already more than 100 countries support the ban.

The carnage and destruction must stop. People must be given new hope.

*"When we meet in Ottawa this December to sign a global ban treaty, it will represent only a first step -- but an absolutely crucial one -- in bringing this tragedy to an end."* Lloyd Axworthy recently on the Ottawa Process

We hope to see many of you in Ottawa on December 2 to begin the process of putting an end to AP mines.

Thank you.

*John English on Banning Anti-Personnel Mines*

*(Edited from a speech)*

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