

The paper concludes with the presentation of a menu of potential CCW confidence building measures. These measures are assembled in two packages, one "basic" and the other "comprehensive." A supplementary package of transparency measures (to be added to either of the main packages) appropriate for use only in the special case of mine use in "non-international conflict" situations is also included. The "basic" package is seen to be the minimum necessary to address three important CCW requirements:

1. The provision of mine and mine-use information vital to the operation of an effective CCW verification regime and the pursuit of appropriate humanitarian objectives;
2. The provision of the absolute minimum mechanism for allowing CCW participants to pursue compliance concerns with some reliability; and
3. The provision of a means to initiate and facilitate positive changes in basic thinking about land-mine use and clearance, including the development of professional standards, shared ideas, and common perspectives.

Clearly, the adoption of a collection of confidence building measures corresponding to this paper's "basic package," combined with the development of a Verification Commission with recourse to mandatory fact-finding missions, is a desirable objective and one that ought to be pursued vigorously in the CCW review process. Its eventual expansion to include the measures contained in the "comprehensive package" would make the CCW an increasingly powerful agreement with the capacity to change in significant ways the manner in which land-mines (and related weapons) are used.