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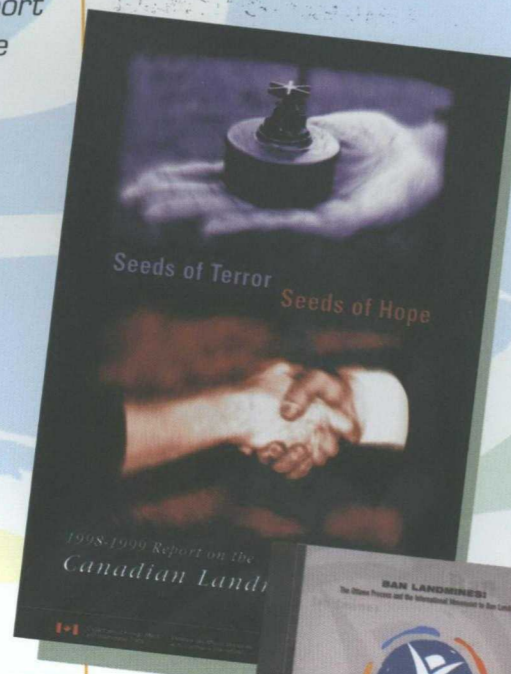
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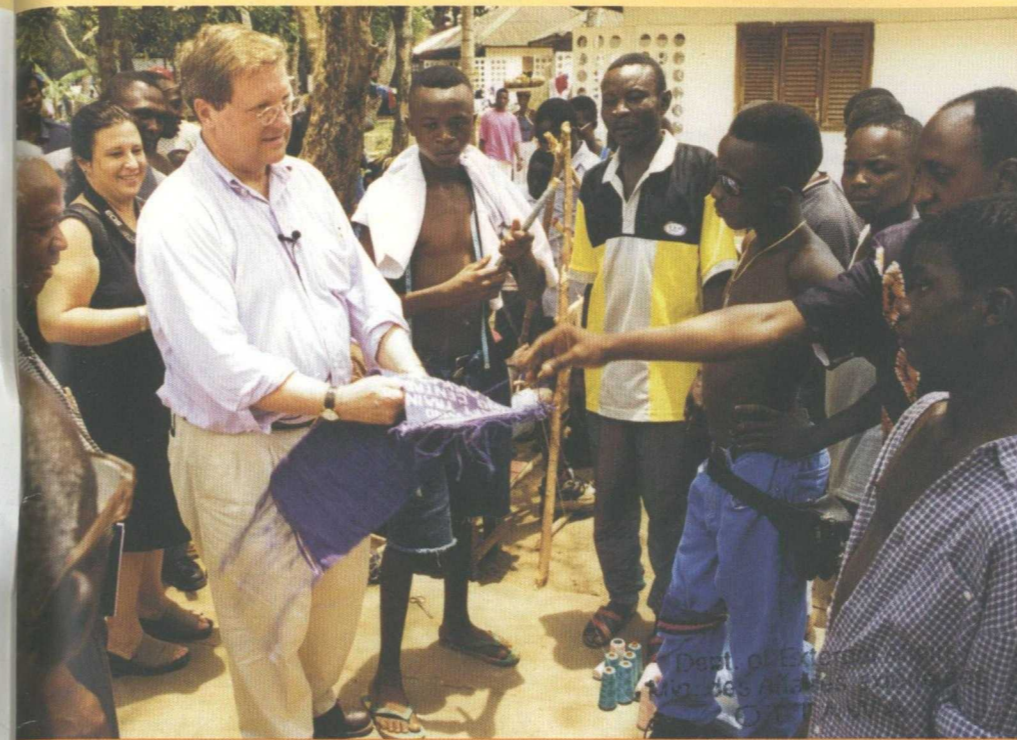
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April 2000: Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy accepts a gift from former child soldiers now living at St. Michael's Lodge Interim Childcare Centre near Freetown, Sierra Leone.

AXWORTHY:

Let us redouble our efforts to universalize the Convention

Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs Lloyd Axworthy

I would like to offer my congratulations and appreciation to all those states, non-governmental and international organizations, individuals and groups who have worked tirelessly to ensure the effective implementation of the Ottawa Convention over the past year.

It is the work of many people – in their roles as state representatives, community activists, front-line mine action workers, teachers, students and others – that will make the goal of a world free from the threat of anti-personnel (AP) landmines achievable.

This year, vital international coordination work has been carried out by the Ottawa Convention's Standing Committees of Experts. Through these committees, representatives of states and non-governmental and international organizations have worked together to focus and advance our international

mine action efforts and to measure progress made in achieving our objectives. Their efforts have served as a global focal point for deliberations on mine action and much has been accomplished since the committees first met in September 1999.

As the cover of this newsletter celebrates, the year 2000 yielded another historic milestone in the movement to ban AP mines. On July 21, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania became the 100th country to ratify the Ottawa Convention – after an unprecedented short period of only 32 months. This achievement signals that global support for the Convention continues to grow as we progress ever further toward our goal of its complete universalization.

And there are many other stories of progress to be shared. The Canadian government and Canadian non-governmental organi-

zations are implementing the Convention by clearing mines, destroying stockpiles, improving mine awareness, assisting mine survivors and developing more effective mine action technologies.

Canadian NGO coalition Mines Action Canada continues to mobilize grassroots Canadian concern about this issue, while individuals like Waterloo students Kyle Ruttan and Scott Cressman, through their creative school project, have helped to further our common goal of ending the human suffering caused by AP mines.

While we should be proud of these efforts and the advancements we have made over the past year, we should not forget that our task remains huge. Land that is vital to the socio-economic development of some of the world's poorest countries remains contaminated with mines. Men, women and children continue to fall victim to these weapons daily. Some states have used these indiscriminate killers in the past year. And while a majority of the world's states have ratified the Ottawa Convention, many still have not.

We must remind ourselves of the importance of this work. And as we head into the Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention in Geneva, September 11-15, 2000, and beyond, let us redouble our efforts to universalize and fully implement the Convention.

The work of the international mine action community and the achievements of the Ottawa Convention have been cause for great hope in recent years. Let us not rest until our work is complete. ●