## What can I do to help?

Government and NGO representatives working on the landmines issue hear one question from Canadians more often than any other – What can I do to help? Mines Action Canada (MAC) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) think they have an answer. Working together, MAC and DFAIT have established a fund to accept donations from Canadians who want to support Canadian Mine Action programs. The Canadian Landmine Action Fund is jointly managed by MAC and DFAIT. Donations directly support the delivery of Canadian Mine Action programs in the field such as mine clearance and mine victim assistance. All donations are tax deductible.

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## What Can You Do to Help?

Give generously to the Canadian Landmine Action Fund. Please send to:

The Canadian Landmine Action Fund Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Cashiers Office 125 Sussex Dr., Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2

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### Mine Action Research Program

A new initiative launched in September is challenging Canadian university students to apply their ideas to the issues surrounding the implementation of the Ottawa Convention.

The Mine Action Research
Program, a joint initiative of York
University's Centre for International
and Security Studies and the
Department of Foreign Affairs and
International Trade, is designed to
encourage policy relevant academic
research in support of Canada's
efforts to ensure the universalization
and full implementation of the
Ottawa Convention.

In mid-November, 10 graduate and senior undergraduate students from Canadian universities were selected to write policy-oriented research papers on key themes related to the Ottawa Convention and the landmine problem. In return, these students will receive cash awards and an invitation to attend a mine action colloquium in Ottawa in May 2000.

Watch for news on the *Mine*Action Research Program in future
editions of SafeLane and on the
SafeLane Web site at
www.mines.gc.ca

# Survive the Peace takes flight

No, no, don't look at the sky, they cannot do you any harm any more from above. Lower your head, because the danger is in your mother earth. If you have survived the war, try to survive the peace!

- Melisa Dzanovic, Grade 7, Gracania, Bosnia-Herzegovina

These opening lines to Melisa Dzanovic's 1997 award-winning essay are both poignant and shocking. They reveal the creativity of a wounded soul and the truth that indeed, for some, peace is far more dangerous than war. It is especially dangerous if you are young and full of hope. Melisa has touched the truth.

These lines also form the basis of the Canadian Red Cross community education campaign *Survive the Peace*, now available in communities across Canada.

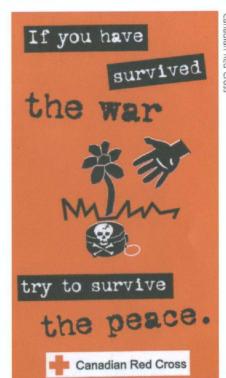
The campaign's goals are to keep the landmine issue front and centre on the list of global concerns for Canadians – especially young people – and to provide a focus for humanitarian action here and abroad.

The campaign, designed to run at least two years, includes a variety of materials including posters, postcards, stickers, magnets, a newsletter and a community awareness guide, entitled Surviving Landmines. More than just a collection of materials, it opens the door to volunteers to make a significant contribution to public understanding of the landmine crisis by coordinating community and school presentations, organizing awareness activities

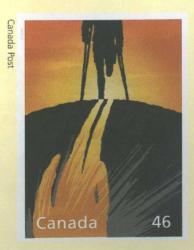
and promoting overseas projects.

Materials are available at Red Cross offices throughout the country. In larger centres volunteers and staff have been trained as presenters and facilitators. The Red Cross Web site (www.redcross.ca) will soon be revised to have a complete Survive the Peace section.

 David Pardoe, National Education Coordinator Canadian Red Cross



#### Canada Post launches mine ban stamp



One of 68 stamps launched
September 15 as part of
Canada Post's Millennium
Collection, this mine ban
stamp is one of the starkest
images in a collection intended
to represent, according to
Canada Post, "a snapshot of
what Canada is and how we're
seen nationally and around the
world." These special stamps are
available at Canada Post outlets
or by calling 1-800-565-4362.