

Afghan deminer Mohammad Usman and Canadian Carol Isfeld at the Second Meeting of the States Parties to the Ottawa Convention in Geneva, Switzerland. Usman holds an Izzy doll, named for Isfeld's son Master Corporal Mark Isfeld, who was killed by a landmine explosion in Croatia in 1994. Carol Isfeld still crochets these dolls that Mark would give to children he encountered during his peacekeeping duties. The dolls are now distributed by Mark's fellow soldiers.



operations; and \$6,000 was provided to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining for a technical feasibility assessment and project proposal for the destruction of Ukraine's PMN mines.

Responding to requests from the international community for increased availability of stockpile destruction information, DFAIT developed a web site, www.stockpiles.org, as a contribution to the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS). A contribution of \$15,000 from the DFAIT Stockpile Destruction Program was provided to ND Technologies for the project, which has been integrated into the newly created, broader UNMAS mine action site, www.mineaction.org.

Ensuring the effective operation of the Ottawa Convention

Canada provided \$75,000 through the DFAIT Mine Ban Initiatives Program to the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) Sponsorship Program for Meetings of the Ottawa Convention, to increase participation in Meetings of the States Parties and meetings of the Ottawa Convention's Standing Committees. This program was

established to aid mine-affected states parties and participants from expert organizations that require financial assistance to attend meetings. The program is administered by the GICHD, with a steering group of donors including Canada, Switzerland, Belgium, Norway, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

In fiscal year 2000 Canada provided its share of the costs of the Third Meeting of the States Parties, held in Managua, Nicaragua, September 18 to 21, 2001, through a contribution of \$56,000 from the DFAIT Mine Ban Initiatives Program to the United Nations.

In addition, Canada supported the participation of Brian and Carol Isfeld in the Second Meeting of the States Parties to the Ottawa Convention, held in Geneva, Switzerland, September 11 to 15, 2000. The Isfelds are the parents of Canadian soldier Master Corporal Mark Isfeld, who was killed by a landmine explosion while on a peacekeeping mission in Croatia in 1994. The DFAIT Mine Ban Initiatives Program provided \$6,000 to the Landmine Survivors Network to facilitate the Isfelds' participation in the opening ceremonies of the meeting. The Isfelds were two of 18 landmine survivors from 14 different countries who participated in the ceremonies.