

discussions focused on reducing the role of nuclear and conventional weaponry in international relations. The second, a forum held at the UN on 16 November 1994 on the *Land Mine Crisis*, featured several panelists whose organizations are actively involved in coping with the crisis.

Participants to the discussion include: Ambassador Karl Inderfurth, Special Political Affairs, in the US delegation to the UN; Richard Ekwall, member of the Swedish delegation to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva; Elinor Hammarskjold, assistant to the Chairman of the Expert Group, which was working on the Review Conference for the 1980 Conventional Weapons Convention; Tore Skedsno, Deputy Demining Expert for the UN Department of Peace-Keeping Operations; Bruno Zimmermann, Deputy Head of the International Committee of the Red Cross UN Delegation; and Jim Wurst, Editor of *The Disarmament Times*. All speakers spoke of the international community's united goal for the eventual elimination of all APM's.

A.102 "Land Mines and the CCW Review Conference." UNIDIR Newsletter: United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, No. 28/29, (December 1994/May 1995). Geneva, Switzerland.

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When considering the problems posed by land mines, a wide range of different factors need to be considered: political, legal, economic, humanitarian, social, technical and military. While striking a balance between military necessities and the protection of non-combatants and civilians is never easy, the fact that the effects of land mines continue to be felt long after a conflict has ceased is a complicating factor when trying to establish new norms. This issue of the UNIDIR Newsletter addresses these different factors and dilemmas. The authors come from very different backgrounds: political, diplomatic, humanitarian, military and non-governmental.

A.103 United Nations Study on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children. Chairperson: Graca Machel (in Progress)

The Study on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children, this first of its kind in the history of the United Nations, seeks to demonstrate to the world community the necessity of adopting effective measures for the promotion of the rights of children who are victims of armed conflicts, and to stimulate much greater international action to this end. It will