

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Minister of Foreign Affairs Lloyd Axworthy and Minister of National Defence David Collenette open "Towards a Global Ban on Anti-Personnel (AP) Mines": International Strategy Conference. The Ministers will present opening remarks and will be followed by UN Under Secretary-General Yasushi Akashi and Chris Moon, representative of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

Location: Main Hall, Government Conference Centre

Time: 0900 - 1000 hrs

Information Exchange I: states will report on their national AP mines policies.

Chair: Canada

Location: Main Hall, Government Conference Centre

Time: 1015 - 1230 hrs

Stephen Lewis, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF, opens the Public Information Exhibits. Canadian singer/songwriter Bruce Cockburn scheduled to speak.

Location: Rideau Street Foyer, Government Conference Centre

Time: 1230 - 1315 hrs

NGO/Parliamentarians Consultations.

Part I: Roundtable. "Setting the Stage: AP Mines and the International Community." Panelists include Stephen Lewis (UNICEF); Steve Goose (International Campaign to Ban Landmines); Ken Rutherford (Landmines Survivors Network) and Senator Peter Bosa (International Parliamentary Union).

Location: Sussex Room, Government Conference Centre

Time: 1530 - 1645 hrs

NGO/Parliamentarians Consultations.

Part II: Strategy Session. "NGO-Parliamentarian Agenda for Action." Panelists include Senator Patrick Leahy (USA); Ernie Regehr (Project Ploughshares); Jan Willem Bertens (European Parliament).

Chair: Francis LeBlanc, Member of Parliament (Canada) and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Location: Sussex Room, Government Conference Centre

Time: 1700 - 1800 hrs

Public Mines Awareness and Fund-Raising Concert featuring Ashley MacIsaac.

Location: Ottawa Civic Centre

Time: 2000 - 2300 hrs

Cost: \$26.75 - Tickets available at the door or call 1-800-361-4595