



Ending the use, production, export and stockpiling of anti-personnel mines

In 2000-2001, extremely positive signs emerged pointing to growing support for the Ottawa Convention. By November 1, 2001, 122 states had formally accepted the Convention's obligations. Among them are states such as Eritrea and Congo-Brazzaville which have recently been involved in conflicts in which AP mines have been used. In April 2001, Greece and Turkey put aside past reservations regarding the Convention to announce jointly that they would proceed in unison to join it.

With this increased support, the world has witnessed progress in the Convention's general status and operation. In August 2001, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) noted reduced use of AP mines in recent years; a dramatic drop in production – from 55 country producers to 14; an almost complete halt in the AP mine trade; and the destruction of more than 27 million AP mines by over 50 countries.

Success rests in partnerships

In all tasks related to the universalization, implementation, operation of and compliance with the Convention, success rests in reaffirming a commitment to the partnerships that were at the root of the movement to ban AP mines. Ensuring the sustainability of the coalition between states and key organizations like the ICBL, Mines Action Canada (the ICBL's Canadian component) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) continues to be a high priority for Canada.

Comprised of more than 1,300 NGOs, the Nobel Laureate ICBL is widely recognized as the driving civil society force behind the Ottawa Convention. In fiscal year 2000, the DFAIT Mine Action Partnership Program

provided \$346,000 to support the ICBL's continued work toward the universalization and implementation of the Convention. Canada's contribution supported the staffing and operation of the ICBL coordination office in Washington, its resource centre in Yemen and its government relations work. Canadian funding also facilitated ICBL participation at the Second Meeting of the States Parties and the Meetings of the Ottawa Convention's Standing Committees.

To foster continued Canadian NGO leadership in the global effort to eradicate landmines, the DFAIT Mine Action Partnership Program provided \$468,000 to the Canadian NGO coalition Mines Action Canada (MAC). Canada's funding supported MAC's