

2. In order for restrictions on land-mine use to be meaningful, a credible *verification regime* will have to be added to or associated with the Convention. Without such a regime, States and their peoples will have diminished confidence in the intentions and behaviour of signatories. The nature of this regime also will be a central issue in the review process;
3. A successful verification regime likely will contain elements drawn *both* from traditional verification approaches (as employed in both arms control agreements and humanitarian law) as well as from the confidence building approach; and
4. It is likely that a CCW verification regime will revolve around the use of some form of fact-finding mission approach and rely upon the development of a decision making body where compliance assessments can be made.²

These assumptions set the stage for a closer look at confidence building, including its relationship with verification. The next section of the paper presents a brief overview of the confidence building approach as a necessary first step in understanding how confidence building can strengthen the evolving CCW in two basic ways: the provision of an information framework and the further development of shared professional standards. Growing out of this overview is a brief discussion of the relationship between confidence building and verification. One of the important points made in this discussion is the fact that confidence building and verification, while not interchangeable in any meaningful way, interact with each other constructively. If we agree that the next phase of the CCW process will require the addition of an effective verification regime, then it will need to draw on both processes. Even in the absence of a robust verification regime, the use of the appropriate confidence building measures will significantly enhance the effectiveness of the CCW.

A Brief Overview of the Confidence Building Approach

In order to evaluate the contribution of confidence building in the CCW context — particularly the less-obvious positive implications of using the confidence building approach — it first is necessary to understand what confidence building really entails. The approach is somewhat more involved than may be appreciated. Although these ideas are derived from the international security context, they appear to be generally applicable in the humanitarian context of the CCW, as well.