

(Above) An ICBL advocacy postcard distributed at the First Meeting of the States Parties in Maputo, Mozambique, May 1999.

(Below) Heads of delegations to the meeting.

providing approximately \$22,000 to the Government of Mozambique to assist it in its role as host of this landmark event. Additionally, Canada contributed approximately \$75,000 to support the participation of conference delegates from mine affected developing countries.

At the FMSP, States Parties agreed to a strongly-worded declaration expressing their views on the continued use of AP mines by some states and the need to reinforce efforts to clear mined land and assist landmine victims. In addition, States Parties established an Intersessional Work Program as a mechanism to facilitate the implementation of the Convention between Meetings of the States Parties. As part of this program, Canada assumed responsibility as Co-Chair of the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention.

The Second Meeting of the States Parties to the Ottawa Convention was held in Geneva, Switzerland, September 11 to 15, 2000. While this meeting took place in fiscal year 2000, Canada provided its contribution to this meeting – approximately \$27,000 – to the United Nations in fiscal year 1999. States Parties established an Intersessional Work Program to facilitate the Convention's implementation.

