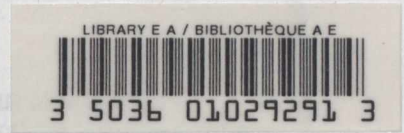


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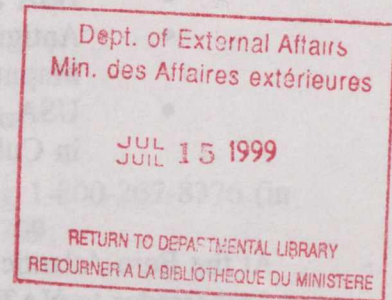
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**1. Mine Ban Convention Update**

- 133 signatories / accessions
- 63 ratifications
- Since our last update, 6 more countries have ratified the Convention: Swaziland, Australia, Spain, Barbados, El Salvador and New Zealand.
- The Convention will enter into force on March 1, 1999.

**2. January Highlights**

**Meetings/Seminars**

- On January 11, Canada and Mexico, with the support of the OAS and PAHO, convened a Regional Seminar on antipersonnel landmines in Mexico City. The meeting brought together government and NGO representatives from throughout the hemisphere as well as international organizations and institutions and key donor countries.

**SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- a) Mexico, Canada and PAHO signed a Memorandum of Understanding on a Joint-Program for the Rehabilitation of Mine Victims in Central America. The program goes into effect immediately.