

## PREFACE

Canada shares the grave concern of many within the international community over the long-term and pernicious effects of the widespread use of anti-personnel (AP) mines. Canada was an active participant in the review and amendment of Protocol II (land mines) of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) and continues to provide both technical and financial assistance to mine clearance operations and land mine victim assistance. In an effort to find a enduring solution to the global land mine crisis, Canada has made the achievement of a global ban on AP mines one of its highest priorities in the field of international security and disarmament.

To explore ways to achieve such a ban, Canada is hosting in Ottawa an international strategy conference entitled "Towards a Global Ban on Anti-personnel Mines" from 3-5 October 1996 involving representatives from governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations. This *Annotated Bibliography* has been prepared to assist in the deliberations of the Ottawa Conference as well as the future work of policy officials and researchers.

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