

Article 7 Reports

The Ottawa Convention's transparency measures went into effect in August when Article 7 Reports became due from several states parties.

According to Article 7 of the Convention, states parties are required to provide annual reports to the United Nations Secretary General on steps taken to implement the Convention. As of October 25, 1999, 20 states parties had submitted their reports. These reports are available on the Internet at: <http://domino.un.org/Ottawa.nsf>.

Article 7 Reports serve as a means to assess national implementation of the Convention and provide information of direct relevance for mine action.

Research underway for second Landmine Monitor Report

After the successful launch of the ground-breaking 1100-page *Landmine Monitor Report 1999* at the First Meeting of States Parties in Maputo, Landmine Monitor researchers and ICBL campaigners have continued to distribute the report as widely as possible and prepare for the next one.

The *Report's* executive summary and many of its country reports have been translated into Arabic, Burmese, French, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian and Ukrainian. These translations, along with the full report, are now available on the Internet at:

www.icbl.org/lm

The Landmine Monitor five-member Core Group has met twice to evaluate research applications submitted for the second *Landmine Monitor Report*. The

Landmine Monitor reporting network has expanded to 91 researchers from 80 countries. They will provide research on landmines in 140 countries and mine-affected areas of the world. In-country researchers are still being sought for some countries.

A research guide has been circulated to the researchers who will be updating information provided in *Landmine Monitor Report 1999* and providing information on any new problems or progress in the implementation of the ban treaty and the humanitarian response to the landmine crisis. The Landmine Monitor database continues to be developed and is expected to go on-line in late 1999.

The second report and its executive summary will be released in September 2000 at the Second Meeting of States Parties in Geneva.

For more information please consult the Landmine Monitor section of the ICBL Web site at: www.icbl.org/lm or email: lm@icbl.org

– Mary Wareham,
Human Rights Watch



The first *Landmine Monitor Report*, launched at the First Meeting of States Parties to the Mine Ban Convention in May 1999.

MINES ACTION CANADA: New international roles

Mines Action Canada (MAC) has taken on new international responsibilities while sustaining its action on the home front.

On December 3, the anniversary of the landmine treaty signing, MAC will launch the Landmine Monitor database. As a member of the Landmine Monitor project's Core Group, MAC has created and maintained this partially on-line information tool which researchers can now use to share data and from which the Landmine Monitor annual reports will be compiled.

MAC has also become a member of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) Coordinating Committee, where it advocates with the ICBL for the establishment of a "no use" landmine policy in NATO.

As well, MAC is now a co-chair of the ICBL Non-State Actors (NSA) working group which coordinates national campaigns' outreach to non-state entities in a position to use mines or having de facto control over mined areas.

Within Canada, MAC has identified two key research and advocacy issues: weapons with the same effects as anti-personnel mines which fall outside the treaty and additional resources for mine clearance and assistance to mine victims.

MAC continues its energetic education and outreach program through participation (with DFAIT and the Canadian Red Cross) in the Youth Mine Action Ambassador Program, special projects like a symbol design competition for youth and a quarterly newsletter and Web site.

For a second year, MAC is attempting to encourage Canadian research capability through a demining technology competition for university students. The 1999/2000 competition was launched with a series of university lectures given by mine action experts.

MAC is also organizing a number of workshops to improve NGO mine action programs by sharing experience and examining new

resources such as the revised Bad Honnef framework, the UNICEF mine awareness guidelines and research by CIETInternational.

– Mary Foster, Mines Action Canada

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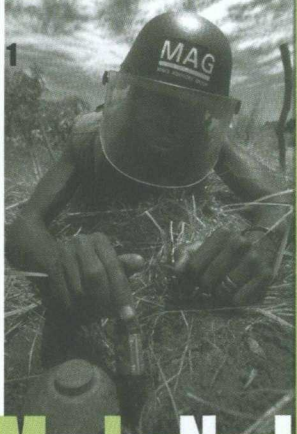
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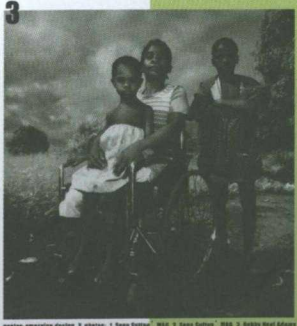
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