

Canada's Ambassador for Mine Action Daniel Livermore (right) speaks with mine action activists in Calgary.



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addressed. In addition, Canada has been a leader in underscoring the need for states that have not yet accepted the Convention to comply with its non-use provisions. Canada is one of few states that continues to express its concern about new cases of AP mine use.

This year has seen a further consolidation in the Convention's general operations. At the First Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention in 1999, an intersessional work program was established to advance the international community's mine action efforts. At the Second Meeting of the States Parties in 2000, the intersessional work program's Standing Committees were enhanced, in part through a Canadian-led initiative to ensure greater participation from mine-affected and developing countries. More recently, at the Convention's third annual meeting in September 2001, States Parties seized the opportunity to consolidate the work of the Convention by establishing a cost-effective implementation support unit, which will be housed at the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining.

The Canadian Landmine Fund

Canada provided financial support for the goals of the Ottawa Convention when, in December 1997, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien announced the establishment

of the five-year, \$100 million Canadian Landmine Fund to continue efforts to universalize the Convention and achieve its objectives. This report is intended to inform Canada's Parliament and citizens on activities undertaken through the Canadian Landmine Fund in fiscal year 2000 (April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001).

The Fund is governed by an innovative collaboration among four government departments: the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Industry Canada (IC) and the Department of National Defence (DND).

To coordinate this effort and signal the priority it is given, Canada appointed a special ambassador to serve as its international focal point on all matters pertaining to Convention universalization and implementation. Since 1999, Daniel Livermore has served as Canada's Ambassador for Mine Action. In addition, a special DFAIT unit focusses on the landmine issue and the Convention.

Among the departments, DFAIT takes the lead on initiatives involving Convention universalization, small-scale mine action initiatives designed to build and reinforce Convention support, international coordination and policy leadership, monitoring compliance with the Convention and outreach to Canadians on the landmine issue. DFAIT also works with DND in a program