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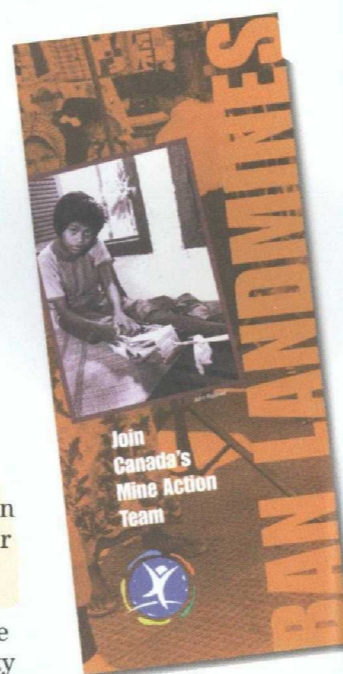
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AFTER MAPUTO:

A renewed commitment to mine action

Last May in Mozambique, the international commitment to a global ban on anti-personnel mines was reaffirmed at the First Meeting of States Parties. The occasion was a tremendous accomplishment for those working to universalize and implement the ban. And the success of Mozambique, a severely mine-affected state, in hosting the international gathering was in itself a triumph.

It was also a time for celebration of the early accomplishments of the treaty - the declining trade in these inhumane weapons, reductions in casualty rates in some of the world's most mine-affected countries, the destruction of more than 14 million stockpiled anti-personnel mines, an increase in funding for mine action, and, of course, the rapid embrace of the Convention by the international community.

Our celebration of this progress was tempered, however, by the knowledge that in parts of the world, landmines continue to be laid and continue to be used as weapons of terror against civilian populations. This was made all too clear on my journey to Maputo, via Kosovo, where I visited one of the many refugee camps that had sprung up on the perimeter of that beleaguered province. Among the traumatized civilians were those who had fallen victim to landmines.

The mine action problem in Kosovo is one we have seen all too often - in Bosnia, Afghanistan, Cambodia, Mozambique and many other countries. These weapons are deployed by warring factions with tragic consequences for fleeing (and later returning) refugees. The tragedy of Kosovo made apparent the need for a rapid and coordinated response to deal with mines in the aftermath of conflict. While in Maputo, I hosted a meeting at which we discussed the need for a UN-coordinated rapid reaction capacity, knowing we would face this challenge not only in Kosovo, but also in Angola, and other places where mines continue to be used.

Out of that meeting, Canada and Belgium co-sponsored the first UN mission to assess the mine situa-



tion in Kosovo. From this assessment, came the establishment of a UN Mine Action Co-ordination Centre in Pristina to ensure the safe and rapid return of refugees and to work towards the longer term demining of the region.

Canadians were among the first to enter Kosovo, taking part in the essential work of clearing landmines and other explosives from roadways and bridges to ensure the safe passage of UN forces and humanitarian relief. And Canada remains active in Kosovo today, with National Defence personnel posted to the Mine Action Coordination Centre in Pristina, Canadian demining experts deployed in the field and Canadian contributions supporting a range of coordinated activities.

Kosovo's experience underscores the urgency of the global landmine challenge. The situation in Kosovo mirrors the plight of millions the world over and makes clear the need to sustain our efforts to defeat this deadly weapon.

That is why I am pleased to note the launch of a new, private sector charitable initiative - the Canadian Landmine Foundation. Its aim is to create a sustaining fund to which individuals and corporations can contribute to help eradicate landmines and ease the suffering they cause. In June, I announced seed funding of \$1 million from the Government of Canada to the Canadian Landmine Foundation. The Foundation plans to multiply this initial contribution through outreach to the private sector.

I am confident that, through support for such fundraising efforts, the goodwill of Canadians will go a long way to ensuring the peace and security of our fellow global citizens as we enter a new millennium. The Ottawa Process and our response to this crisis are but one measure of our willingness to recognize how our welfare is linked to that of others.

- Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Foreign Affairs