

ily invite observer/inspectors to clarify uncertain situations — generally would be seen as a serious confidence building and compliance assuring step. The use of "voluntary invitations" also may prove to be a way of addressing the difficult issue of extending CCW coverage to "non-international conflicts."

The following is a list of potential confidence building measures from which to select components for a Protocol II confidence building package, including measures that focus on information framework development as well as norm development:

1. **Mine Type Data Registry**

Creation of a detailed central data base (registry) of individual land-mine types and characteristics, as detailed as possible, developed on the basis of an initial submission from each participating state and updated both annually and/or on an "as necessary" basis. Each signatory would be obligated to provide certain agreed information on the land-mines that it manufactures and/or acquires/deploys (but not numbers produced or acquired). The registry would also include information about "discovered" land-mines of no known origin, with signatories obliged to submit this information when such mines are discovered on their territory. The registry would make this information available to any signatory on request in order to facilitate mine identification and removal. Alternatively, a handbook could be distributed to signatories annually.

Failure to register a land-mine type or to provide accurate information about a land-mine type would be a violation of the terms of the revised CCW. It might be preferable to keep this registry entirely separate from the UN Arms Registry in order to provide an incentive for CCW membership, to facilitate the registry's easy administration, and to preserve its clear focus. Arguably, this land-mine registry (especially if amended to include the additional components noted below) would be the central CCW information-oriented CBM. Due to the potential volume of data, particularly if other registries noted below (for instance, "mine clearance procedures" and "mine field" registries) were added, it might make sense to set up regional registries to better manage the data. These regional registries might be associated with existing United Nations Regional Disarmament Centres.