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to train and field mine detection dog teams. CIDC is working to establish itself as a centre of excellence in this important aspect of mine action.

Canada also supports country and regional efforts to maintain and build support for the Ottawa Convention. Through DFAIT's Mine Ban Initiatives Program, Canada provided \$70,000 for conferences in India, Nigeria, Croatia and Georgia focussing on the universalization and / or implementation of the Convention. The model of regional conferences that proved so successful in the lead-up to the negotiation

of the Convention continues to play a significant role in galvanizing support and increasing awareness.

Other country-specific initiatives supported by Canada through the Mine Ban Initiatives Program included: a contribution of approximately \$60,000 to support a study by Rebuild International on the decommissioning of a Bosnian weapons factory; a contribution of \$10,000 to the Landmine Survivors Network to support the visit of its high-profile patron, Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, to Vietnam and Cambodia in support of the Ottawa Convention and the rights of landmine survivors; a contribution of \$34,000 to support the work of a Boston-based 'Mine Action Scholar-in-Residence' to integrate mine action courses and lectures into the



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Indian Campaign to Ban Landmines

(Top left) Former commander of the Canadian Army, Lieutenant General (Ret) Gordon Reay, engaged foreign military officials in dialogue on the questionable military utility of anti-personnel mines.

(Above) The Indian Campaign to Ban Landmines conference brought landmine survivors together to advocate on their behalf.

(Left) The Zagreb Regional Conference on Mine Action opened with the destruction of 3434 anti-personnel mines.