

of a five-year, \$100 million fund to continue work on universalizing the ban and achieving its objectives.

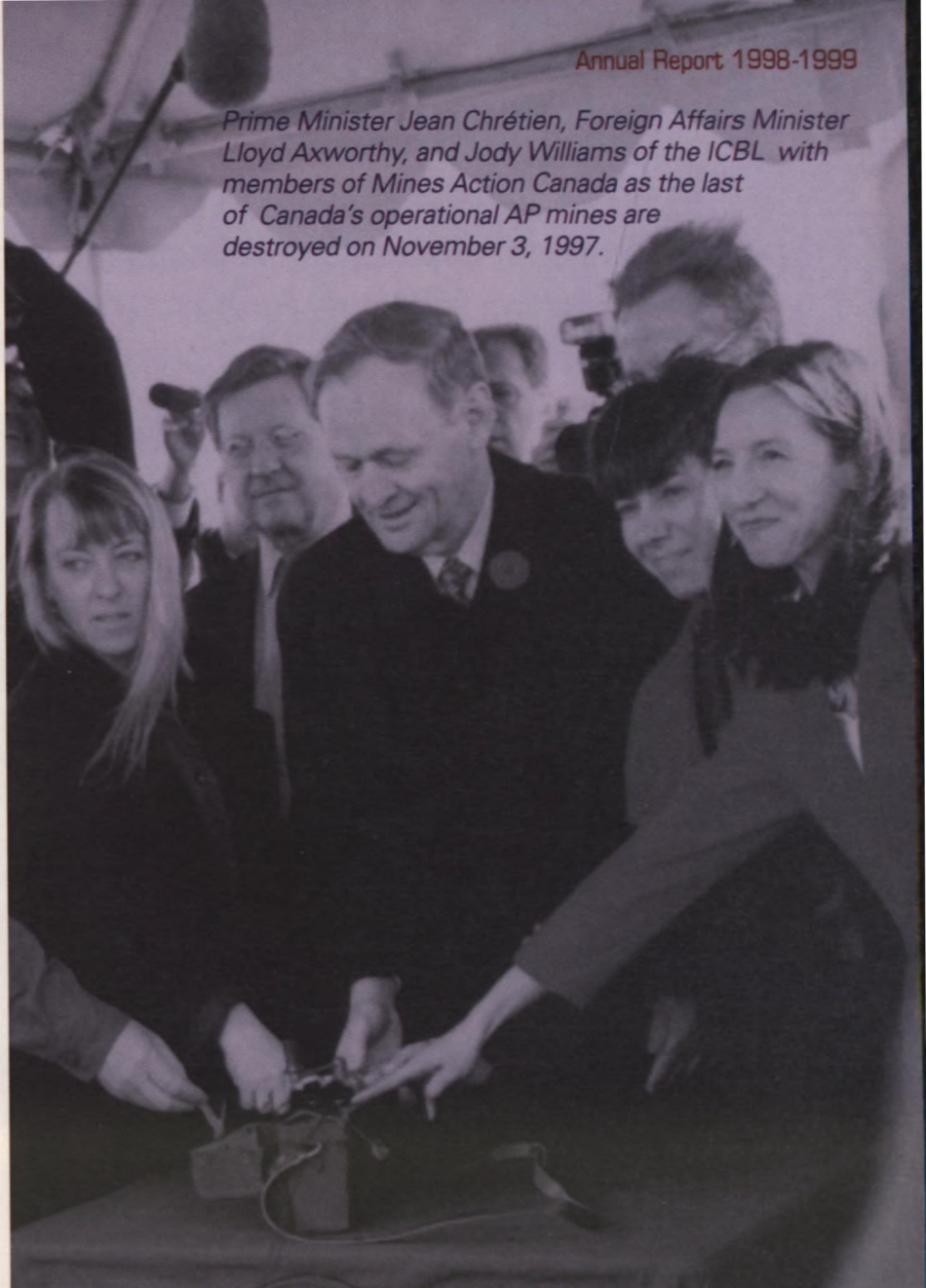
The fund is governed by an innovative collaboration among four government departments: the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT); the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA); Industry Canada (IC) and the Department of National Defence (DND). To coordinate this effort, and to signal the priority it places on these efforts, Canada appointed an Ambassador for Mine Action, Jill Sinclair. Canada was the first government in the world to establish a dedicated Mine Action Team. Today there are counterpart teams in France, Norway, Australia, Thailand and the United States.

Among the departments, DFAIT takes the lead on initiatives involving convention universalization and ratification as well as on international coordination, setting global priorities and monitoring. DFAIT also works with DND to support landmine stockpile destruction.

CIDA leads in the areas of mine clearance, mine awareness and victim assistance, drawing on its experience in developing and funding programs in Afghanistan, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Central America and Laos. Since 1993 CIDA has provided more than \$12 million in mine action assistance to these countries and regions. It has also supported related initiatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), UN agencies and select NGOs.

DND and Industry Canada have worked jointly to establish the Canadian Centre for Mine Action Technologies (CCMAT). The Centre has a mandate to develop low cost, sustainable technology for humanitarian demining and to evaluate technologies developed through on-site research as well as those developed by Canadian industry. This is done using the facilities available through the Centre's association with Defence Research Establishment Suffield (DRES). Industry Canada has the

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy, and Jody Williams of the ICBL with members of Mines Action Canada as the last of Canada's operational AP mines are destroyed on November 3, 1997.



Countries that agree to be bound by the *Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction* commit themselves to:

Committing to the convention

- banning the use, production, transfer and stockpiling of anti-personnel mines
- destroying existing stockpiles
- clearing minefields within 10 years
- providing assistance for the care and rehabilitation of mine victims
- cooperating with a compliance regime