

PART B

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Part B.1 Overviews

B.100 *Ban Treaty News*, Issues 1-4 (September 1-September 16), 1997

The *Ban Treaty News* published by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) continues upon the earlier process of monitoring and assessing major international conferences concerning the use, stockpiling, production and trade of anti-personnel landmines. Unlike the *CCW News*, the *Ban Treaty News* is reflecting upon a new multilateral forum for creating a fast-track response to the problem of landmines. Such a response is known as the Ottawa Process. Specifically issues 1-4 are concerned with the international conference held in Oslo, Norway in September of 1997 to reach agreement on the Austrian draft treaty text arrived at through the Brussels Declaration earlier in the same year. Of concern for the ICBL in these issues is the role played by the United States in attempting to secure amendments to the draft treaty designed give it certain exceptions, particularly in the case of Korea.

B.101 Baxter, Laurence. "Towards a Ban on Anti-Personnel Landmines", *Peacekeeping and International Relations*, Vol 26, No. 2, 1997, pp. 14-16

This article, written by an intern at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, provides an overview of the efforts of the international community to limit the "epidemic" of landmines. The author addresses the existing international control regimes, as well as the multilateral and unilateral efforts that have attempted to deal with this problem. The failure of the existing international regime directed towards the landmines issue (The Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, CCW) prompted the formation of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), and subsequently the development of what has come to be known as the Ottawa Process. The author is cautious in his conclusion noting the need for a "concerted effort" by the international community if "an effective accord is to be forged" on the basis of the Ottawa Process.