



Representatives of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines participate in Thailand's first stockpile destruction ceremony at Lopburi, Thailand, January 2001. Left to right: Sister Denise Coghlan (Cambodia Campaign), Liz Bernstein (ICBL Coordinator), Alfredo Lubang (Philippines Campaign), Annalisa Formiconi (Landmine Monitor Regional Coordinator for Asia) and Anitra Puangsuwan (Thailand Campaign).

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domestic and international education and outreach activities, its efforts to increase Canadian capacity in mine action programming and its initiatives aimed at universalizing the Convention. Composed of more than 40 Canadian organizations, MAC plays an important international role as a member of the ICBL Coordinating Committee and the Core Group of the Landmine Monitor research initiative.

Canada also continued to enhance regional and country-specific partnerships, frequently using the successful model of regional conferences as a catalyst for activity. In fiscal year 2000, Canada supported:

- *North Atlantic Treaty Organization Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council South Eastern Europe Initiative Workshop on Regionally Focussed Mine Action, Thessaloniki, Greece, May 4 and 5, 2000*

This workshop provided the framework for North Atlantic Treaty Organization Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (NATO-EAPC) involvement in humanitarian mine action in South Eastern Europe. Through the plan of action developed in Thessaloniki, NATO-EAPC has begun to act as a clearing house on mine action related information; provided technical expertise for fact finding missions; and, at Canada's initiation, developed a Trust

Fund to assist countries in destroying stockpiled mines. The DFAIT Mine Ban Initiatives Program provided \$17,000 to NATO to support this workshop.

- *14th Asia-Pacific Roundtable, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, June 3 to 7, 2000*
Organized by the ASEAN Network of Institutes of Strategic and International Studies, the Roundtable drew several hundred government, academic and NGO participants from more than 20 countries in the region. To promote awareness and support for mine action, the DFAIT Mine Ban Initiatives Program provided \$2,400 to the New Zealand Campaign Against Landmines for the panel "The Landmines Ban Treaty and Humanitarian Mine Action in Southeast Asia." Canadian Forces Colonel Chip Bowness was featured among the panel participants.
- *Horn of Africa/Gulf of Aden States Conference on Landmines, Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, November 16 to 18, 2000*
This conference focussed regional attention on the AP mine issue and encouraged states in the region to ratify and implement the Ottawa Convention. The DFAIT Mine Ban Initiatives Program provided \$10,000 to the Institute for Practical Research and Training for the publication and distribution of the conference proceedings.