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Short background (2 pages) and long background (5 pages): DFAIT.

Banning Anti-Personnel Mines - The Ottawa Treaty Explained (11 pages; available in English, French & Spanish): International Committee of the Red Cross

Ratification Packet for the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-personnel Mines and on their Destruction (5 pages; available in English, French, Arabic, Spanish, Russian and Chinese): International Committee of the Red Cross

Preamble on Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on their Destruction: "The Ottawa Treaty" (23 pages; available in English, French, Arabic, Spanish, Russian and Chinese)

To Walk Without Fear: The Global Movement to Ban Landmines (491 pages)
Cameron, M., Lawson, R., and Tomlin, B., ed.; Oxford University Press; Toronto: 1998. (Available through bookstores or from the publisher.)

A Working Chronology of the International Movement to Ban Anti-personnel (AP) Mines (57 pages):

Centre for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, The Norman Paterson School of International Affairs
Carleton University, Ottawa

Anti-personnel Land Mines: An Annotated Bibliography Update (54 pages): DFAIT

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Videos:

In Years, Not Decades - 7 minutes (ideal format for speaking engagements)

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CD-ROM

Ban Landmines! The Ottawa Process and the International Movement to Ban Landmines

Websites:

SAFELANE: www.mines.gc.ca

Mines Action Canada:
www.minesactioncanada.com

International Campaign to Ban Landmines: www.icbl.org

International Committee of the Red Cross: www.icrc.org

About our new look

You may not recognise this latest edition of our landmines quarterly (previously *AP Mine Ban Progress Report*) although the new title may seem familiar: *SafeLane* is also the name of our Web site (www.mines.gc.ca). In case you don't know the term, a "safe lane" is the first path that de-miners cut through a minefield - a secure corridor from which they are able to complete their task of making land useable once again. It also restores community access to land, water and other essentials. We couldn't think of a better metaphor for this newsletter, which we hope is a voice for those involved in the struggle to carve out safe ground.

In redesigning our newsletter, we've adopted a look more in keeping with a news magazine. With our expanded outreach efforts, we realize that information on landmines must be accessible to a broad spectrum. We hope the new *SafeLane* appeals to both new and faithful readers. Let us know what you think. ●

SAFELANE

CANADA'S LANDMINE BAN REPORT

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SafeLane is published quarterly by the Mine Action Team, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Submissions are invited from governmental agencies and NGOs active in the campaign against landmines. Please send articles of 400 words or less; *SafeLane* editors reserve the right to condense and adapt text. Captioned, print-quality photos much appreciated.

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ONE YEAR LATER

Celebrating the treaty - and moving ahead

Foreign Affairs Minister
Lloyd Axworthy reviews
a year of progress on
landmines - and
underscores the
challenges that remain.

Just one year ago -
December 3-4, 1997 -
122 governments gathered
in Ottawa to sign a historic
new convention banning the
production, stockpiling, use
and export of anti-personnel
landmines (AP mines).

This event defied the expectations of most international observers: The treaty signing drew 2,400 people - foreign ministers, diplomats and representatives from hundreds of international and non-governmental organizations.

It was a heady time for those who had long struggled to ban a category of weapons which has indiscriminately

killed or maimed hundreds of thousands over the past two decades. The Ottawa Conference and the process which lead to the rapid negotiation of the new convention was unprecedented, a unique collaboration between governments and civil society-based organizations such as the Red Cross and the Nobel Prize-winning International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

A year later the momentum behind the landmines campaign continues to grow. The Ottawa Convention achieved the

Jody Williams and other ICBL members kick off the signing of the People's Treaty. Signatories pledge to hold governments accountable to their landmine commitments.

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