

## Working in partnership

The sustained partnership between states and civil society organizations provides continuing momentum to ensure the implementation of, and compliance with, the terms of the Convention. Canada recognizes the important role of organizations like the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Mines Action Canada (MAC) in maintaining a sense of urgency to continue to make the Convention a success. To reinforce the efforts of these organizations, Canada – through DFAIT's Mine Action Partnership Program – provides financial support for work that supports its objective of universalizing and implementing the Ottawa Convention.

In fiscal year 1999, approximately \$713,000 was disbursed to support civil society organizations through the Mine Action Partnership Program. Canada's mine action NGO coalition, Mines Action Canada, received \$316,000 to support its domestic and international advocacy work. Of this total, \$40,000 was directed towards support for a pioneering conference, 'Engaging Non-State Actors in a Landmine Ban,' which was co-sponsored by MAC and the ICBL Working Group on Non-State Actors.

The Nobel prize-winning ICBL received \$200,000 in core funding to support its international advocacy work. Canada's contribution supported the work of the ICBL coordinator, government relations and resource centre staff, allowing them to participate in the Ottawa Convention's



Intersessional Work Program, regional conferences and international grassroots activities.

International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) received \$100,000 for its universalization work in the former Soviet Union. With the help of Canada's funding, IPPNW gathered information, monitored media discourse on mines and continued to build coalitions among ban-friendly organizations in this strategically important region that has yet to solidly back the Convention.

In addition, the not-for-profit, Sydney, Nova Scotia-based Canadian International Demining Corps (CIDC) received approximately \$100,000 to help build its capacity

Canada supports NGO coalition Mines Action Canada (MAC) in its work with Canadian cultural communities concerned about landmines. Here, MAC's Mary Foster and international mine ban campaigner Rae McGrath join Somali-Canadian community leaders at a meeting to discuss the issue.

