

This fact sheet details Finland's position on APLs:

- 1) Finland wants a global, verifiable and legally binding ban on APLs;
- 2) Finland believes that it requires the involvement of the producers and exporters whom are the source of this crisis not through unilateral actions by states such as Finland;
- 3) Views that the Conference on Disarmament and the Ottawa process are, and should be, complementary;
- 4) Declares that Finland has never exported APLs, is not producing APLs and does not have APLs deployed. Finland does require APLs for defensive purposes and sees APLs as a key part of their defence doctrine;
- 5) Calls for an early entry into force of the amended Protocol II of the CCW;
- 6) Finland calls for increased funding for demining initiatives and victim assistance.

France

E.112 "Interdictions des mines antipersonnel." *Communique du ministere des Affaires Etrangeres*, January 19, 1997.

The French government restated its commitment to ban antipersonnel land mines with the forum of the Conference on Disarmament. The communique reasserts the French position of 1996, stating that France will not use land mines, except for purposes of defence of its armed forces. Furthermore, it reasserts France's export moratorium on all anti-personnel land mines.