

# THE MINE BAN CONVENTION: ICBL EXPECTATIONS FOR THE SECOND REVIEW CONFERENCE

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# GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

- ❑ High level participation
- ❑ Demonstration of continued political commitment to the treaty
- ❑ Comprehensive progress review
- ❑ Strong, concrete action plan
- ❑ Explore synergies with other conventions



# UNIVERSALIZATION

- Several new States Parties
- States not party to the treaty announce interim steps
  - Respect core treaty provisions
  - Vote for UNGA Resolution
  - Submit annual transparency report
- Reinforce the ban norm:  
No use by states not party or non-state armed groups



Demining in Western Sahara, Oct. 2008



# STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION

- ❑ Completion of stockpile destruction by 2/3 states that missed their 1 March 2008 deadline (Greece and Turkey)
- ❑ Resolution of major challenges by Belarus and Ukraine
- ❑ All states retaining mines show past and planned use or destroy them



Final stockpile destruction in Algeria, Nov. 2005



# MINE CLEARANCE



- ❑ “As soon as possible” respected
  - Maximize on-time completion
  - Minimize future extension requests
  - Follow-up on past extensions
- ❑ Clarity on mined areas cleared and remaining
- ❑ Establish national capacity
- ❑ Effective mine risk education



# VICTIM ASSISTANCE



- ❑ Realistic assessment of progress on VA
- ❑ Action-oriented plan to encourage long-term capacity to provide VA
- ❑ New national plan of action for post-2009
- ❑ Comprehensive and consistent inclusion of survivors and disabled persons' organizations



## OTHER AREAS “ESSENTIAL FOR ACHIEVING THE CONVENTION’S AIMS”

- ❑ New commitments of financial, technical, or in-kind support
- ❑ Transparency
  - All initial transparency submitted
  - Much higher % of annual reports submitted for 2008
- ❑ National Implementation Measures:
  - Adoption by several more states



Strategy meeting with the Mine Victims Association of Casamance



“Determined to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines”



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