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The Indiscriminate Killer

Overcoming challenges to accession to the Convention

“The Road to Cartagena”

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Universalization Contact Group



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All States Parties have undertaken the obligation to promote universalization of the Convention through:

- the Convention itself;
- the Nairobi Declaration;
- the Nairobi Action Plan 2005 to 2009; and
- soon the Cartagena Declaration and Action Plan



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Status of Universalization

156 states have ratified or acceded to the Convention

2 signed almost 12 years ago but have not yet ratified

37 other States remain outside the Convention

195*

* Total number of States as of October 2009



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Universalization Tools

- **Coordination**
- **Bi-Lateral and High Level Contacts**
- **Margins of Multi-Lateral Meetings**
- **Workshops**
- **Special Purpose visits**
- **Military to Military Dialogue**



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What's the delay?

Why has the state not joined?

- **Is it because of national security concerns?**
- **Is the state currently in conflict?**
- **Are there border issues, resource issues, political issues?**
- **Is it insufficient capacity to action accession or ratification?**



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Some concerns often expressed

- Is this really a humanitarian problem, just how many civilians have been injured or killed?
- Why take away a weapon that protects our soldiers?
- Responsible armies mark their minefields - why won't that work?



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Some concerns often expressed

- I need them because my neighbour has them.
- My national security depends on these mines.
- I need them to protect my border.
- I cannot afford to replace them.



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Universalization Challenge I

- **Political Considerations**



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Political Considerations

Some Examples

FS of Micronesia, Marshall Islands
Tonga, Tuvalu
Bahrain, Oman, and UAE
Lebanon
Morocco
Finland

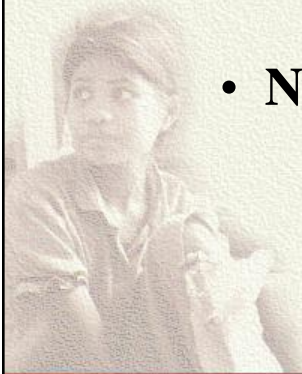


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Universalization Challenge II!

- National Security



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Historical Perspective





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Conclusion