

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)
- Completion by Ethiopia (1 June 2009 deadline) and Kuwait (ahead of 1 January 2012 deadline)
- 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





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"

