

## Towards the Cartagena Summit: Second Review Conference of the Mine Ban Convention, 30 Nov-4 Dec 2009

### Objectives:

- Recording progress
- Addressing the challenges
- Identifying priorities



## Progress & achievements

- ▶ After 10 years - the Convention remains a vibrant, collaborative and action-oriented framework
- ▶ Adherence continues to increase
- ▶ As the primary international norm... affects all States
- ▶ Vast majority of stockpile destruction deadlines met
- ▶ Continues to mobilise commitment & resources and to produce clearance results



## Progress & achievements

- ▶ Risk reduction – more flexible and integrated approaches



Douen You, Pursat Province, Cambodia

- ▶ Victim assistance – increased understanding and more focused national efforts; has inspired commitments for victims of ERW and cluster munitions



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## Addressing the Challenges

- ▶ Victim Assistance – no clear and measurable improvement on the ground for the majority of victims
- ▶ Clearance – 16 of 24 States Parties with 2009 deadlines requiring extensions
- ▶ Stockpile destruction – 3 States Parties with more than 6 million mines failed to meet 2008 deadline
- ▶ Resources to ensure full implementation!
- ▶ Fewer new States Parties in recent years
- ▶ Clarity on aspects of articles 1 & 2



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## Identifying Priorities

- ▶ Cartagena as an invitation to new States
- ▶ Victim assistance – promote concrete commitments to improve services, implement national plans, mobilize resources.
- ▶ Clearance – refocus on “as soon as possible” obligation rather than deadlines
- ▶ Stockpile destruction – resolve existing compliance problems as soon as possible



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## Identifying Priorities

- ▶ Regular reviews of number of mines retained for training and research, destruction of mines in excess of the minimum number necessary
- ▶ Mobilization and use of resources
- ▶ Promote coherence in implementation with other relevant instruments: Convention on Cluster Munitions, ERW Protocol, CRPD



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## What can be done between now and the Cartagena Summit?

- Promote fullest possible implementation by SPs before the Conference
- Encourage SPs to participate at a high level & make concrete political commitments, encourage States not party to participate
- Support a strong Cartagena Action Plan that address all key challenges
- Raise public awareness and promote media coverage



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