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ABOUT LANDMINE MONITOR

Landmine Monitor is an unprecedented initiative by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) to monitor implementation of and compliance with the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty, and more generally to assess the efforts of the international community to resolve the landmines crisis. It is the first time that non-governmental organizations are coming together in a coordinated, systematic and sustained way to monitor a humanitarian law or disarmament treaty, and to regularly document progress and problems.

The main elements of the Landmine Monitor system are a global reporting network, a central database, and an annual report. *Landmine Monitor Report 2000: Toward a Mine-Free World* is the second such annual report. The first annual report was released in May 1999 at the First Meeting of States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty in Maputo, Mozambique. To prepare this report, Landmine Monitor had 115 researchers from 95 countries gathering information. The report is largely based on in-country research, collected by in-country researchers. Landmine Monitor has utilized the ICBL campaigning network, but has also drawn in other elements of civil society to help monitor and report, including journalists, academics and research institutions.

It should be understood that Landmine Monitor is not a technical verification system or a formal inspection regime. It is an effort by civil society to hold governments accountable to the obligations that they have taken on with regard to antipersonnel mines; this is done through extensive collection, analysis and distribution of information that is publicly available. Though in some cases it does entail investigative missions, Landmine Monitor is not designed to send researchers into harm's way and does not include hot war-zone reporting.

Landmine Monitor is meant to complement the States Parties reporting required under Article 7 of the Mine Ban Treaty. It was created in the spirit of Article 7 and reflects the shared view that transparency and cooperation are essential elements to the successful elimination of antipersonnel mines. But it is also a recognition that there is a need for independent reporting and evaluation.

Landmine Monitor and its annual report aim to promote and facilitate discussion on mine-related issues, and to seek clarifications, in order to help reach the goal of a mine-free world. Landmine Monitor works in good faith to provide factual information about issues it is monitoring, in order to benefit the international community as a whole. It seeks to be critical but constructive in its analysis.

Landmine Monitor Report 2000 contains information on every country of the world with respect to landmine ban policy, use, production, transfer, stockpiling, mine clearance, mine awareness, and survivor assistance. Thus, the Monitor does not only report on States Parties and their treaty obligations, it also looks at signatory states and non-signatories as well. All countries—as well as information on key players in mine action and victim assistance in the mine-affected countries—are included in this report in the belief it will provide an important means to gauge global effectiveness on mine action and banning the weapon.

As was the case in our first year, Landmine Monitor acknowledges that this ambitious report has its shortcomings. It is to be viewed as a work in progress, a system that will be continuously updated, corrected and improved. We welcome comments,

clarifications, and corrections from governments and others, in the spirit of dialogue and in the search for accurate and reliable information on a difficult subject.

Landmine Monitor 2000 Process

In June 1998, the ICBL formally agreed to create Landmine Monitor as an ICBL initiative. A Core Group was established to develop and coordinate the Landmine Monitor system. The Core Group consists of Human Rights Watch, Handicap International, Kenya Coalition Against Landmines, Mines Action Canada, and Norwegian People's Aid. Overall responsibility for, and decision-making on, the Landmine Monitor system rests with the Core Group.

Research grants for Landmine Monitor 2000 were awarded in September 1999. The global research network met in Brussels, Belgium 31 January-2 February 2000 to discuss initial findings, exchange information, assess what research and data gathering had already taken place, identify gaps, and ensure common research methods and reporting mechanisms for the Monitor. In mid-March draft research reports were submitted to the Landmine Monitor Core Group for review and comment. On 15-17 May the members of the research network met again in Noordwijkerhout, the Netherlands to present their final reports and discuss their main findings through a peer review process. Throughout May, June and July the Core Group regional and thematic coordinators verified sources and edited country reports, with a team at Human Rights Watch taking responsibility for final fact-checking, editing and assembly of the entire report. *Landmine Monitor Report 2000* also includes appendices with reports from major actors in the mine ban movement, such as key governments, UN agencies and the ICRC. This report was printed during August and presented to the Second Meeting of States Parties to the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty in Geneva, Switzerland in September 2000.

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Responsibility for the coordination of Landmine Monitor's reporting network lies with the five Core Group organizations and additional organizations and individuals.

- Human Rights Watch (Stephen Goose, Mark Hiznay, Alex Vines and Mary Wareham) is the main contact point for Landmine Monitor, thematic coordinator on ban policy and regional research coordinator for the Middle East/North Africa, Pacific, Lusophone Africa, and Central Asia.
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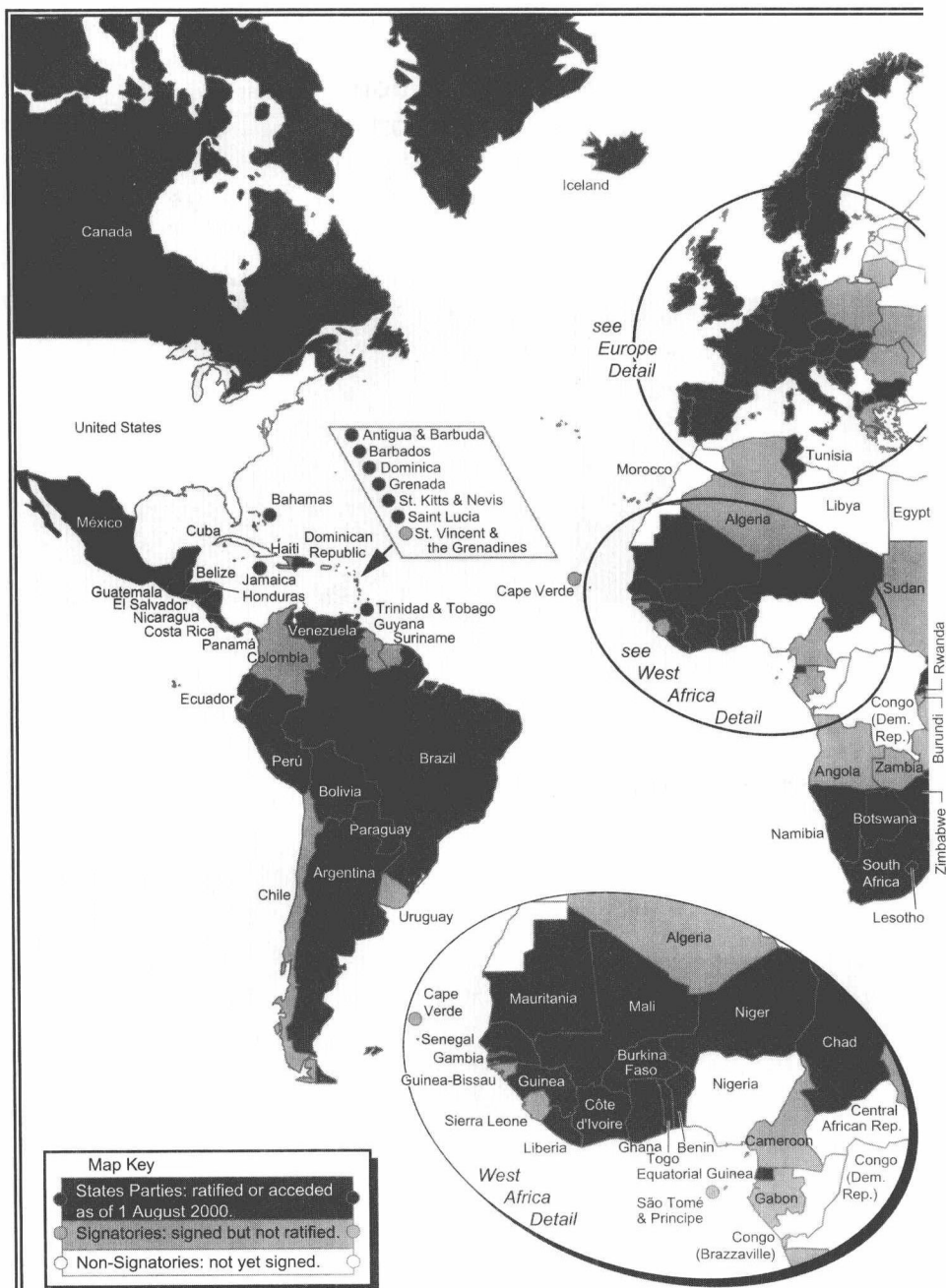
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Laos	Micronesia
Mongolia	Nauru
Nepal	Pakistan
Palau	Papua New Guinea
Singapore	Sri Lanka
Tonga	Tuvalu
Vietnam	



1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AAR	Association for Aid and Relief, Japan
AFD	Agence Française pour le Développement
AFP	Agence France Presse
AHD	Antihandling Device
AP or APM	Antipersonnel Mine
ARF	ASEAN Regional Forum
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
AT or ATM	Antitank Mine
CARICOM	Caribbean Community and Common Market
CBR	Community Based Rehabilitation
CCW	1980 Convention on Conventional Weapons
CD	Conference on Disarmament
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
ECHO	European Community Humanitarian Office
ECOMOG	ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EMAC	Entity Mine Action Center
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
EU	European Union
FMSP	First Meeting of States Parties
GIS	Geographic Information System
GTZ	German Development and Cooperation Agency
HI	Handicap International
HRW	Human Rights Watch
IADB	Inter-American Defense Board
ICBL	International Campaign to Ban Landmines
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICVA	International Council of Voluntary Agencies
IDRC	International Development Research Council
IED	Improvised Explosive Devices
IFOR	Implementation Force
INAROOE	Angolan National Institute for the Removal of Explosive Obstacles
IPPNW	International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
IRC	International Rescue Committee
IRIN	Integrated Regional Information Network (UN)
JRS	Jesuit Refugee Service
LM	Landmine Monitor
LSN	Landmine Survivors Network
MAC	Mine Action Center
MAG	Mines Advisory Group
MARMINCA	Mission of Assistance for the Removal of Mines
MASG	Mine Action Support Group

MAT	Mine Action Team
MBT	Mine Ban Treaty
MERCUSOL	Declaration of the Southern Commercial Market
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NAM	Non-Aligned Movement
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NPA	Norwegian People's Aid
OAS	Organization of American States
OAU	Organization of African Unity
OECS	Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States
OSCE	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
P. II	Landmines Protocol II of the CCW
QA	Quality Assurance
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SCF	Save the Children Federation
SCS	Special Clearance Services
UN	United Nations
UNAVEM	United Nations Angola Verification Mission
UNDHA	UN Dept. of Humanitarian Affairs
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
UNMAC	United Nations Mine Action Center
UNMAS	United Nations Mine Action Service
USAID	U.S. Agency for International Development
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance