



Landmines

Landmines come in two varieties: anti-personnel and anti-vehicle mines. Both have caused great suffering in the past decades. Anti-personnel landmines are prohibited under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (or Mine Ban Convention), adopted in 1997. More than 150 countries have joined this treaty. Its positive impact includes a marked reduction of casualties, an increased number of mine-free States, destroyed stockpiles and improved assistance to victims.

<https://www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/Landmines/>

UN Treaties

- Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997
<http://treaties.un.org/doc/publication/UNTS/Volume%202056/v2056.pdf>
<https://www.unog.ch/80256EE600585943/%28httpPages%29/CA826818C8330D2BC1257180004B1B2E?OpenDocument>
 - Status of Ratification: https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg_no=XXVI-5&chapter=26&clang=en
 - Background Information on the Convention in the "Audiovisual Library of International Law": <http://legal.un.org/avl/ha/cpusptam/cpusptam.html>

UN and related bodies

- UN Mine Action
<http://www.mineaction.org/>
- UN Peacekeeping – Mine Action
<https://peacekeeping.un.org/en/mine-action>
- UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) – Landmines
<http://www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/Landmines/>
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - Mine action programming
<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/learnmore.html?tagid=topics%3Asustainable-development%2Fdevelopment-and-mine-action>
- UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) – Landmines
http://www.unicef.org/emergencies/index_landmines.html
https://www.unicef.org/protection/57929_57996.html

UN Observances

- 4 April - International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
<http://www.un.org/en/events/mineawarenessday/>

Non-UN Sources

- International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL)
<http://www.icbl.org>
- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) – Anti-personal landmines
<http://www.icrc.org/en/war-and-law/weapons/anti-personnel-landmines>

Selected UN documents and publications

- UN documents on “Landmines” – click [here](#)

Research & Documentation

- Dag Hammarskjöld Library Research Guides
 - Disarmament: <http://research.un.org/en/docs/disarmament>
 - Landmines and Explosive Remnants of War: <http://research.un.org/en/mines>
- UNOG Library Research Guide - Disarmament
<http://libraryresources.unog.ch/disarmament/global>
- Fact Sheets on Disarmament Issues
<https://www.un.org/disarmament/factsheets/>
- Disarmament Yearbooks Online 1976 - 2016
<http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/ODAPublications/Yearbook/>
- UNRIC Library Backgrounder – Disarmament
<https://un4.me/2FRjUuf>
- UNRIC Library Backgrounder – Arms Trade
<https://un4.me/2nzabwj>

