

# ARMS CONTROL ASSOCIATION

## Fact Sheet

# The Ottawa Convention: Signatories And States-Parties

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The Ottawa Convention, also referred to as the "Mine Ban Treaty," prohibits the use, stockpiling, production, and transfer of anti-personnel landmines (APLs). It requires states-parties to destroy their stockpiled APLs within four years and eliminate all APL holdings, including mines currently planted in the soil, within 10 years. Countries may request a renewable extension, which can be up to 10 years long, to fulfill their destruction obligations. States-parties are also required annually to report to the UN secretary-general their total APL stockpiles, the technical characteristics of their APLs, the location of all mined areas, and the status of APL destruction programs.

The convention, which is of unlimited duration and open to all nations, entered into force March 1, 1999. By January 1, 2005, 144 countries had ratified or acceded to the treaty, and an additional eight had signed the accord but had yet to ratify it. States-parties overwhelmingly come from Europe, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Almost no countries in the Near East and only about half of the countries in the Asia-Pacific region have signed the treaty.

Some key current and past producers and users of landmines, including the United States, China, India, Pakistan, and Russia, have not signed the treaty. The George W. Bush administration announced Feb. 27, 2004 that the United States would not join the Ottawa Convention. The United States is party to the 1996 amended mines protocol of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, which restricts but does not ban APL use.

International estimates on the number of landmines planted globally vary significantly. The U.S. government projects that roughly 60 countries have landmines requiring clearing and disposal. The International Campaign to Ban Landmines, a coalition of more than 1,400 non-government organizations working on landmine issues, recently estimated that as many as 200 million APLs may be stockpiled around the globe, of which about 10 million are stockpiled by Ottawa Convention states-parties and signatories.

Following is a complete list of all Ottawa Convention signatories and states-parties:

COUNTRY	SIGNATURE	DEPOSIT
Afghanistan		9/11/02
Albania	9/8/98	2/29/00
Algeria	12/3/97	10/9/01
Andorra	12/3/97	6/29/98
Angola	12/4/97	7/5/02
Antigua & Barbuda	12/3/97	5/3/99
Argentina	12/4/97	9/14/99
Australia	12/3/97	1/14/99
Austria	12/3/97	6/29/98
Bahamas	12/3/97	7/31/98
Bangladesh	5/7/98	9/6/00
Barbados	12/3/97	1/26/99
Belarus		9/3/03
Belgium	12/3/97	9/4/98
Belize	2/27/98	4/23/98
Benin	12/3/97	9/25/98
Bolivia	12/3/97	6/9/98
Bosnia and Herzegovina	12/3/97	9/8/98
Botswana	12/3/97	3/1/00
Brazil	12/3/97	4/30/99
Brunei Darussalam	12/4/97	
Bulgaria	12/3/97	9/4/98
Burkina Faso	12/3/97	9/16/98
Burundi	12/3/97	10/22/03
Cambodia	12/3/97	7/28/99
Cameroon	12/3/97	9/19/02
Canada	12/3/97	12/3/97
Cape Verde	12/4/97	5/14/01
Central African Republic		11/8/02
Chad	7/6/98	5/6/99
Chile	12/3/97	9/10/01
Colombia	12/3/97	9/6/00
Comoros		9/19/02
Congo		5/4/01
Cook Islands	12/3/97	
Costa Rica	12/3/97	3/17/99
Cote d'Ivoire	12/3/97	6/30/00
Croatia	12/4/97	5/20/98
Cyprus	12/4/97	1/17/03
Czech Republic	12/3/97	10/26/99
Dem. Republic of Congo		5/2/02
Denmark	12/4/97	6/8/98
Djibouti	12/3/97	5/18/98
Dominica	12/3/97	3/26/99
Dominican Republic	12/3/97	6/30/00

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Ecuador	12/4/97	4/29/99
El Salvador	12/4/97	1/27/99
Equatorial Guinea	12/3/97	9/16/98
Eritrea	12/3/97	8/27/01
Estonia		5/12/04
Ethiopia	12/3/97	11/29/04
Fiji	12/3/97	6/10/98
France	12/3/97	7/23/98
Gabon	12/3/97	9/8/00
Gambia	12/4/97	9/23/02
Germany	12/3/97	7/23/98
Ghana	12/4/97	6/30/00
Greece	12/3/97	9/25/03
Grenada	12/3/97	8/19/98
Guatemala	12/3/97	3/26/99
Guinea	12/4/97	10/8/98
Guinea-Bissau	12/3/97	5/22/01
Guyana	12/4/97	8/05/03
Haiti	12/3/97	
Holy See	12/4/97	2/17/98
Honduras	12/3/97	9/24/98
Hungary	12/3/97	4/6/98
Iceland	12/4/97	5/5/99
Indonesia	12/4/97	
Ireland	12/3/97	12/3/97
Italy	12/3/97	4/23/99
Jamaica	12/3/97	7/17/98
Japan	12/3/97	9/30/98
Jordan	8/11/98	11/13/98
Kenya	12/5/97	1/23/01
Kiribati		9/7/00
Lesotho	12/4/97	12/2/98
Liberia		12/23/99
Liechtenstein	12/3/97	10/5/99
Lithuania	2/26/99	5/12/03
Luxembourg	12/4/97	6/14/99
Macedonia, FYR		9/9/98
Madagascar	12/4/97	9/16/99
Malawi	12/4/97	8/13/98
Malaysia	12/3/97	4/22/99
Maldives	10/1/98	9/7/00
Mali	12/3/97	6/2/98
Malta	12/4/97	5/7/01
Marshall Islands	12/4/97	
Mauritania	12/3/97	7/21/00

COUNTRY	SIGNATURE	DEPOSIT
Mauritius	12/3/97	12/3/97
Mexico	12/3/97	6/9/98
Moldova	12/3/97	9/8/00
Monaco	12/4/97	11/17/98
Mozambique	12/3/97	8/25/98
Namibia	12/3/97	9/21/98
Nauru		8/7/00
Netherlands	12/3/97	4/12/99
New Zealand	12/3/97	1/27/99
Nicaragua	12/4/97	11/30/98
Niger	12/4/97	3/23/99
Nigeria		9/27/01
Niue	12/3/97	4/15/98
Norway	12/3/97	7/9/98
Panama	12/4/97	10/7/98
Papua New Guinea		6/28/04
Paraguay	12/3/97	11/13/98
Peru	12/3/97	6/17/98
Philippines	12/3/97	2/15/00
Poland	12/4/97	
Portugal	12/3/97	2/19/99
Qatar	12/4/97	10/13/98
Romania	12/3/97	11/30/00
Rwanda	12/3/97	6/8/00
St. Kitts & Nevis	12/3/97	12/2/98
St. Lucia	12/3/97	4/13/99
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	12/3/97	8/1/01
Samoa	12/3/97	7/23/98
San Marino	12/3/97	3/18/98
Sao Tome & Principe	4/30/98	3/31/03
Senegal	12/3/97	9/24/98
Serbia & Montenegro		9/18/03
Seychelles	12/4/97	6/2/00
Sierra Leone	7/29/98	4/25/01
Slovakia	12/3/97	2/25/99
Slovenia	12/3/97	10/27/98
Solomon Islands	12/4/97	1/26/99
South Africa	12/3/97	6/26/98
Spain	12/3/97	1/19/99
Sudan	12/4/97	10/13/03
Suriname	12/4/97	5/23/02
Swaziland	12/4/97	12/22/98
Sweden	12/4/97	11/30/98
Switzerland	12/3/97	3/24/98
Tajikistan		10/12/99

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Tanzania	12/3/97	11/13/00
Thailand	12/3/97	11/27/98
Timor Leste		5/7/03
Togo	12/4/97	3/9/00
Trinidad & Tobago	12/4/97	4/27/98
Tunisia	12/4/97	7/9/99
Turkey		9/25/03
Turkmenistan	12/3/97	1/19/98
Uganda	12/3/97	2/25/99
Ukraine	2/24/99	
United Kingdom	12/3/97	7/31/98
Uruguay	12/3/97	6/7/01
Vanuatu	12/4/97	
Venezuela	12/3/97	4/14/99
Yemen	12/4/97	9/1/98
Zambia	12/3/97	2/23/01
Zimbabwe	12/3/97	6/18/98

**For more information, please see the Arms Control Association's Web site, [www.armscontrol.org](http://www.armscontrol.org), which includes helpful fact sheets such as "The Ottawa Convention at a Glance."**