



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://disarmament.unoda.org/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
<https://treaties.un.org/doc/publication/UNTS/Volume%202056/v2056.pdf>
https://treaties.unoda.org/t/mine_ban
 - 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": <https://legal.un.org/avl/ha/cpusptam/cpusptam.html>

UN and related bodies

- UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS): <https://www.unmas.org/>
 - E-MINE - 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: <https://disarmament.unoda.org/convarms/Landmines/>
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - Development and mine action: <https://www.undp.org/tag/development-and-mine-action>
 - Commemorating three decades of UNDP work against the brutality of landmines (22 November 2022): <https://stories.undp.org/commemorating-three-decades-of-undp-work-against-the-brutality-of-landmines>
- UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) – Landmines: <https://www.unicef.org/topics/landmines>

UN Observances

- 4 April - International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/mine-awareness-day>

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://disarmament.unoda.org/factsheets/>
- Disarmament Yearbooks Online 1945 – 2022: <https://disarmament.unoda.org/publications/yearbook/>
- UNRIC Library Backgrounder – Disarmament: <https://unric.org/en/unric-library-backgrounder-disarmament/>
- UNRIC Library Backgrounder – Arms Trade: <https://unric.org/en/unric-library-backgrounder-arms-trade/>
- Ask Dag !
 - How many types of landmines are there? <https://ask.un.org/faq/14489>
 - How many landmines are in the ground worldwide? <https://ask.un.org/faq/14494>
 - How much money is needed to remove all of the world’s landmines? <https://ask.un.org/faq/14499>
 - What is the impact of landmines, explosive remnants of war (ERW) and unexploded ordnance (UXO)? <https://ask.un.org/faq/14493>
 - What are the components of mine action? <https://ask.un.org/faq/14495>

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>

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