

# ICBL ANNUAL REPORT 2004



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Nobel Laureate Panel Discussion, Nairobi Summit 2004 © Kjell Knudsen

The International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), the Nobel Prize-winning coalition of 1400 NGOs in 90 countries, maintained a high level of activity in 2004 in its continued efforts to eradicate antipersonnel mines. The 2004 Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World – the first Review Conference required by the Mine Ban Treaty – proved to be a powerful motivating force for the ICBL staff and its members. They were able to use it as a target date for numerous advocacy, implementation, compliance and media

goals, and in turn, governments, journalists, and the public at large showed heightened interest in the landmines issue in the lead up to this event. Through ICBL's efforts and the continued good will of States Parties, the Nairobi Summit produced a set of forward-looking documents that will serve as a platform for future ICBL activities.

Although the Nairobi Summit took up much of ICBL's time in 2004, the Campaign was still able to pursue other critical objectives in tandem with this work. The ICBL continued to take full advantage of the implementation mechanisms established by the treaty, participating in meetings of the Intersessional Standing Committees and the associated Coordinating Committee of co-chairs and co-rapporteurs. The Campaign organized key regional and global events, such as an ambitious set of ICBL/Landmine Monitor meetings. It also took advantage of relevant non-ICBL events to schedule its own activities. *Landmine Monitor Report 2004* was released, translated and distributed in dozens of countries.

In addition to representing the ICBL at events worldwide, the small team of ICBL staff issued several action alerts, lobbied and wrote to key decision-makers, maintained regular contact with dozens of governments, regional and international organizations and the Treaty's Implementation Support Unit, drafted press releases and reached out to the media, engaged in capacity-building activities with campaigners, and continued to coordinate the global coalition's overall campaigning activities. Several ICBL activities reports, the quarterly Landmine Update, CD ROMs, and other advocacy materials were produced and disseminated in this period, and a new and improved ICBL website was launched. Finally, the ICBL Coordinator skillfully led a campaign-wide transition process, following extensive and comprehensive consultations with members about its activities in the post-2004 period. At its General Meeting in 2003 in Bangkok, the ICBL adopted a proposal to review ICBL Goals, Structure and Activities Post-2004, in order to take the ICBL forward into the next phase. At its General Meeting in 2003 in Bangkok, the ICBL adopted a proposal to review ICBL Goals, Structure and Activities Post-2004, in order to take the ICBL forward into the next phase.

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We would like, at the beginning of this report to express our deep gratitude to our donors. The progress we continue to make in the movement to ban antipersonnel mines would not be possible without their continued support. We would like to extend our gratitude to all our campaign partners for their ongoing in kind and financial donations that allow us to continue our work:

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## 2004 NAIROBI SUMMIT ON A MINE-FREE WORLD



In 2004, ICBL engaged in heightened activity and intensive preparations for the “Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World,” held in Kenya from 29 November to 3 December 2004. This first Review Conference was widely viewed as the most significant event in the life of the Mine Ban Treaty since it was opened for signature in Ottawa, Canada on 2 and 3 December 1997. Realizing that the Nairobi Summit would shape the next five years of work related to the treaty, the ICBL used the event to provide new impetus, momentum and advocacy opportunities for its membership. The ICBL contributed to the entire Review Conference preparatory process in close partnership with key government leaders, the Implementation Support Unit, the UN and the ICRC. It participated in the Nairobi Task Force and communications meetings and coordinated the ICBL Working Groups’ input into each draft of the Review Conference

documents. In addition, it also drew worldwide media and public attention with the ICBL's slogan for the Nairobi Summit: "WANTED: a Mine-Free World". Finally, the presence of the ICBL delegation at the summit, which included over 371 participants from 82 countries and 112 organisations, including more than 50 landmine survivors and 39 youth from 25 countries, proved to be an unprecedented opportunity for the ICBL to demonstrate its vitality and determination to ensure the success of the Summit.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUMMIT

- 10 km Race and "Mine Free World Walk" including massive participation of ICBL campaigners and landmines survivors - 27 November.
- Opening Ceremony: the ICBL participated in the opening ceremony, led by the Kenyan Coalition Against Landmines and with participation of ICBL Ambassadors Jody Williams, Song Kosal, Tun Chanarreth and other ICBL members, plus testimonies and performance by 17 survivors.
- Initial Global Screening of: Disarm: A Documentary Film on the Landmine Issue- 27 November and 3 December
- Interfaith Service – 28 November
- Survivor Summit – 28 November
- Nobel Laureates Panel Discussion featuring Jody Williams, Shirin Ebadi (2003 Nobel prize winner and founder of a new Iranian campaign against mines) and Wangari Maathai (2004 winner for her work in Kenya with the Green Belt Movement) – 1 December
- Dance without Fear Extravaganza – 2 December
- International Youth Symposium – 25 November – 3 December 2004
- Closing ceremony
- Exhibitions and official launches through the week, including:
  - "A Mined Earth" or "Terres Minées" (pictures)
  - Wanted: A Mine Free World (multimedia)
  - Sculptures by landmine survivor (arts)
  - Films on mine victims and assistance programs (in international schools, cultural centers etc. in Nairobi)



Raising the Voices bicycle and wheelchair teams starting the "Running for a Mine-Free World" Road Race, 2004 © Pernilla Springfeldt

#### OUTCOME

Overall, the ICBL was very pleased with the outcome of the summit. The Action Plan and the Nairobi Declaration were strong and comprehensive, numerous calls were made on States Not Parties to join and for Non-State Actors to be engaged, and States were encouraged to take it upon themselves to implement the treaty fully without waiting for pressure from NGO's.

The conference met the ICBL's primary goals, which included reinforcing political will and encouraging financial commitments to ensure that the treaty's great promise continues to turn into reality on the ground. The large quantity of high-level

government participants and representatives from NGOs – including over 50 landmine survivors – was testament to the continued commitment to the landmine ban worldwide. At the same time, the ICBL was disappointed that the Action Plan was not reopened for discussion during the Summit for further strengthening. It was also disappointed that States Parties could not agree on fundamental issues of interpretation and implementation of the treaty.

\*For more detailed information on the Nairobi Summit please visit: <http://www.icbl.org/nairobisummit>. The Nairobi report is also available at [http://www.icbl.org/news/nairobi\\_report](http://www.icbl.org/news/nairobi_report).

## INTERSESSIONAL WORK PROGRAM

The ICBL has been a key player in the Intersessional Work Programme since it was established in May 1999. The Intersessional work has succeeded in maintaining international attention on the global antipersonnel mine problem, as well as having provided a forum to mark, measure and stimulate progress in achieving the goal of a world free of antipersonnel mines. The primary focus of the 2004 Intersessional Work Programme continued to be one of maintaining the momentum and providing a forum for States Parties to share how they are implementing the AP Mine Ban Convention, as well as on extensive preparations for the first Review Conference. The Intersessional weeks were held from 9-12 February and 21-25 June, with additional Preparatory Meetings for the Review Conference held on 13 February, 28-29 June and 24 September 2004.



The Coordinating Committee met in Geneva in February 2004. © Kjell Knudsen

Participation in the Intersessional Standing Committees Meetings in February and June 2004 reached record levels, with over 500 persons in attendance representing more than 100 countries (more than 80 States Parties and over 20 States Not Parties), dozens of non-governmental organization (NGO) members of ICBL, Landmine Monitor (LM) researchers, academic institutions and international, UN and regional organisations. The February Intersessionals were attended by more than 55 ICBL campaigners, landmine survivors and LM researchers from 30 countries;

while more than 45 campaigners from 18 countries attended the June Intersessional Standing Committee meetings.

During the Intersessional weeks, daily ICBL NGO meetings were held, along with several ICBL Working Group meetings and dozens of bilateral meetings with governments and international organizations. In addition, Landmine Monitor Fact Sheets were issued on Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9, and ICBL distributed copies of its quarterly update, the ICBL Calendar of Events and other resources, including Landmine Monitor 2003.

The ICBL, under the coordination of the Intersessional Programme Officer, participated actively and contributed enormously to the overall success of the Intersessional Work Programme in 2004 and promoted ICBL goals for the Review Conference with States Parties in Geneva and in capitals throughout the year.

The ICBL has a carefully prepared universalization strategy which is continually updated based on Landmine Monitor research and consultation with partner organizations and governments. The ICBL continues to play an active role in the Universalization Contact Group, a group of governments and international organizations who work together to promote Treaty universalization. Mine Ban Treaty universalization efforts continued in 2004, as ICBL placed special emphasis on using the December 2004 date for the “Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World” as a deadline to encourage countries to join the treaty. In 2004, three countries ratified or acceded to the treaty (Papua New Guinea, Estonia, Ethiopia). The government of Latvia also announced its intention to accede, and acceded in June 2005.

### REGIONAL APPROACH

#### NORTHEASTERN EUROPE

In 2004, campaigners were very active in promoting the universalization of the Convention in Northeastern Europe, more specifically to work on accession by the Baltic States and Finland, as well as ratification by Poland. The ICBL conducted activities both at the national and regional level, through campaigns, letters and contacts with the governments, as well as work around the regional Nairobi preparatory meeting held in Vilnius in June 2004. The ICBL also mobilized other States Parties to influence these governments, particularly EU members and their European Parliamentarians.

#### COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES (CIS) AND CENTRAL ASIA



ICBL meet with students at American University in Kyrgyzstan. © Brian Liu/Toolbox Design

In 2004, ICBL strengthened its efforts to raise awareness of the issue of landmines in the CIS countries, particularly Ukraine and the Central Asian States. The ICBL continued the work started in 2003 in developing campaigns in the region, building the capacity of the campaigners and working with them at various occasions. The ICBL also ensured the

participation of campaigners from this region during the June Intersessional week.

#### MIDDLE EAST

On 8-9 December 2003, the Arab Network of Researchers on Landmines and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) held a workshop on landmines and ERW, in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. More than 60 people participated in this workshop, which was the first regional landmines meeting to be held in the Gulf since December 1997. The ICBL used the workshop to call on the leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council to support the humanitarian objectives of the treaty by joining it without delay.

## INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

### EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

Because of its strong commitment against landmines, at both the political level and as a major donor for mine action, survivors' assistance, and stockpile destruction, the ICBL asked the EU to play a special role during the Nairobi Summit. On 20 April, following advocacy visits by both the ICBL and Geneva Call, the European Parliament adopted a resolution ahead of the Nairobi Summit, calling for universalization, full implementation of the Convention and engagement of Non-State Actors. The resolution also called for the Summit to renew the political will of the States Parties and adopt strong documents that would chart the way forward for the work still to be done. The European Parliament was also encouraged to send a representative to Nairobi, which it did.

### ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE (OSCE)

On 8 March 2004, ICBL participated in a workshop on antipersonnel landmines and ERW, at the OSCE Headquarters in Vienna (Austria). It was the first-ever organized meeting on landmines/ERW within the framework of the OSCE. The outcomes of the meetings were very encouraging.

### NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO)

In 2004, NATO integrated two new countries: Estonia and Latvia. The ICBL has been advocating in those countries for accession to the convention.

## IMPLEMENTING THE MINE BAN TREATY

Joining the Mine Ban Treaty is not enough; the States Parties must be willing to fully implement all the provisions of the Treaty in order for the ban to be effective. These include the destruction of stockpiles, clearing mined areas, providing victim assistance, and submitting Article 7 transparency reports. It is important that mine affected states destroy their stockpiles, engage in mine clearance activities and provide assistance to landmine survivors. It is crucial that the States Parties who are not affected also



Belarus stockpile destruction, April 2004 © Luc Vanheel/NSP

enact domestic legislation banning mines and provide assistance to those countries who are mine affected. In 2004, the ICBL continued to encourage the implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty through national legislation. The ICBL participated in ICRC seminars on implementation of the Convention in Africa, and encouraged States Parties in the Americas with legislation in process to enact strong Article 9 legislation by the Nairobi Summit. Five States Parties have passed new domestic laws to implement the Mine Ban Treaty and fulfill the obligations of Article 9 since 2003.

## IMPLEMENTATION CALENDAR

To assist in monitoring the States reaching their deadlines, the ICBL developed an implementation calendar which is now online and accessible for all campaigners. Campaigners are encouraged to use this calendar to plan their activities and remind States Parties of their obligations.

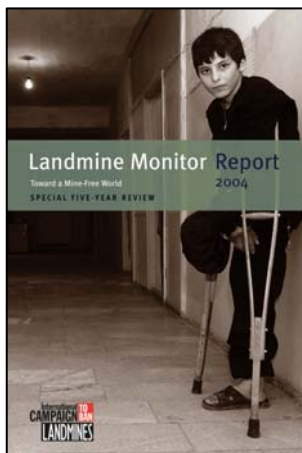
The calendar is online at: <http://www.icbl.org/campaign/calendar>.

## WORKING GROUPS

The ICBL's five Working Groups are crucial in ensuring that the Mine Ban Treaty is fully implemented. These groups are made up of campaigners and focus on Mine Action, Mine Risk Education (Sub-Group), Non-State Actors, Treaty Issues and Victim Assistance. In 2004, the members of these working groups continued to work closely on the successful implementation of the Convention. The members advocated for continued commitment by governments and organized workshops and meetings. At the Nairobi Summit the Working Groups delivered various statements to comment on the draft Action Plan.

These can be found at the ICBL website at [http://www.icbl.org/news/summit\\_update\\_2](http://www.icbl.org/news/summit_update_2)

## LANDMINE MONITOR



Landmine Monitor is the ICBL's civil society-based initiative that monitors compliance with the global norm against mine use established under the Mine Ban Treaty and evaluates progress in providing assistance to mine victims and mine action programs. This marks the first time that non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have come together in a sustained and coordinated way to monitor and report on the implementation of an international disarmament or humanitarian law treaty. Its reports are viewed internationally as the baseline from which to analyze implementation of and compliance with the Treaty, and have received widespread acclaim from governments, the media and NGOs alike.

The ICBL and Landmine Monitor organized a series of regional meetings to prepare the sixth annual Landmine Monitor report. The regional meeting for the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) was held in November 2003 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; the Americas meeting took place in January in Bogotá, Colombia; the Europe meeting was organized in Geneva during the February Intersessional Standing Committee meetings; the

Francophone African meeting was held in February in Bujumbura, Burundi; and, the Asia-Pacific meeting took place



ICBL campaigners and researchers from the Americas on a helicopter bound for their field visit destination of Zaragoza, a mine-affected municipality in Antioquia, Colombia, 2004.  
© Jackie Hansen/ICBL

during April in Kabul, Afghanistan. The Landmine Monitor Global Researchers meeting was held in May in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and was attended by over 70 researchers and 40 campaigners and friends of the LM/ICBL from 70 countries. The participants attended workshops on a range of topics including campaigning on mine action and victim assistance. The ICBL was deeply involved in the preparation and logistics of these meetings as well as facilitating many capacity building sessions and workshops.

Landmine Monitor Report 2005 was released globally on 17 November at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium for ban policy, in Maputo, Mozambique for mine action, and in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for survivor assistance. Campaigns in 23 countries organized report launch events on or after 18 November. *Landmine Monitor Report 2004: Toward a Mine-Free World*, includes a five-year overview of key developments and reports on every country in the world with respect to landmine ban policy, use, production, transfer, stockpiling, mine clearance, mine risk education and survivor assistance. The report was prepared by 110 researchers in 93 countries who systematically collected and analyzed information from a wide variety of sources. *Landmine Monitor Report 2004* is available at [www.icbl.org/lm/2004](http://www.icbl.org/lm/2004).

## CAPACITY BUILDING

During 2004, the ICBL continued and intensified its efforts to build the capacities of campaigners to prepare them to take on more responsibilities in organising activities in the post Nairobi period of the ICBL.

### WEBSITE

The new ICBL website was launched in mid 2004 after being redesigned, and restructured. The new format makes it possible for campaigners at all levels to contribute directly to the content of the website. News articles are added regularly to the homepage ([www.icbl.org](http://www.icbl.org)), the database of resources in the Index on Landmines ([www.icbl.org/index](http://www.icbl.org/index)) has been expanded, and the Image Library ([www.icbl.org/imagelibrary](http://www.icbl.org/imagelibrary)) has been updated with new images, with even more additions being done by campaigners. A number of country pages were also made available on the website.

### RESOURCE FOCAL POINTS



Jackie Hansen  
presenting the CD Rom  
"Banned! Historical and  
Resource guide to the  
Landmine Movement,"  
2004 © Brian Liu/Toolbox  
Design

Resource distribution is very important in supporting and facilitating the work of country campaigns. The ICBL has identified 20 focal points with specific responsibilities around the world in order to more effectively provide these campaigns, individual citizens and governments with the materials that they request. The focal points are responsible either for a region or for a specific theme, and will serve an important role in the future of the campaign. In order to make resources even more accessible, the ICBL has put together a compilation of existing documents, tools and resources. Two CDs have been published and distributed to campaigners: "Banned! Historical and Resource guide to the Landmine Movement," which provides resources on the movement, and "Take Action for a Mine-Free World," which includes resources to support campaign advocacy work. Two Landmine Update newsletters

were also issued ([www.icbl.org/news/landmine\\_update](http://www.icbl.org/news/landmine_update)). Various ICBL tools can be found at [www.icbl.org/tools](http://www.icbl.org/tools).

### DEVELOPING SKILLS

In this year of transition, a great deal of time was spent handing over tasks previously done by ICBL staff to campaign members. The ICBL organized many activities to develop the skills of the campaigners, such as providing training courses and one to one coaching sessions on internet use. The ICBL's Advocacy and Communications Officer also held a capacity-building programme during the conference in Sarajevo, to help build campaigners' confidence and communication skills.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### MEDIA

Work on a media strategy for the Nairobi Summit, plus preparatory work (briefings, media outreach) and activities during the event itself were a major focus for the ICBL's media work this year. In sum, these activities paid off and the media coverage of the Summit was impressive. The ICBL issued around 10 press statements in 2004. These included statements for major events such as the Nairobi Summit and the anniversary of the Mine Ban Treaty's entry into force on 1 March. The ICBL Media Room can be found at [www.icbl.org/news/mediaroom](http://www.icbl.org/news/mediaroom).

### ACTION ALERTS AND COUNTDOWN

Several action alerts were issued this year to inform all the campaigners of important developments and to encourage them to take action on certain issues. One of these alerts was issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March which marks the treaty's anniversary, focusing on lobbying States Not Party from target regions, including the five Gulf States, among others. The ICBL also launched a series of countdown action alerts in preparation for the Nairobi Summit to encourage media and advocacy activities by member organizations. The Action Alerts can be found at [www.icbl.org/action/alerts](http://www.icbl.org/action/alerts).

## RAISING THE VOICES



Survivors Statement on last day of Nairobi Summit © Anne Capelle/ AC LSN

The "Raising the Voices" leadership-training programme for Landmine Survivor Advocates continued in its fourth and last year. Raising the Voices was an advocacy and leadership training program developed by one of the ICBL member organisations, the Landmine Survivors Network, for landmines survivors. Developed in 2001, it trained survivors from Latin America, Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, CIS and the Middle East. The program trained more than 65 survivors and ended with a general gathering of survivors in Nairobi, where they demonstrated their skills in advocacy,

media contacts and capacity to be advocates for the Mine Ban Treaty and the rights of persons with disabilities. The ICBL facilitated the survivors' participation in various meetings throughout the year, conducted training sessions with them, helped to

integrate them into the Intersessional meetings, and arranged for them to meet campaigners and government representatives.

## EMPOWERING YOUTH CAMPAIGNERS

For several years the ICBL has worked hard to create the conditions necessary to empower young people and the ICBL is now observing more campaigns engaging young people, more meaningfully than ever before.

One of the ICBL's member organisation, Mines Action Canada and the Youth Mine Action Ambassador Program (YMAAP) started the Youth Leadership, Education and Action Program (LEAP), designed to engage and empower young campaigners throughout the world. The ICBL worked with Youth LEAP to share knowledge, resources and experiences and to hand over youth-related campaign activities. Young professionals associated with a Youth LEAP program were hosted with ICBL staff and member campaigns. The ICBL also assisted in the preparation of "*In Our Lifetime: The 2004 International Youth Symposium on Landmines*," held during the Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World.



Governmental representatives having their photo taken together with the youth participants at the launch of the Youth Manual "Working with Young People for a Mine-Free World". © Brian Liu/Toolbox Design

The ICBL Youth Action Forum ([www.icbl.org/youth](http://www.icbl.org/youth)) was updated to include news, guides and information for youth campaigners. A grant was provided to ICBL Youth Ambassador Song Kosal, allowing her to take information technology classes and have access to a computer and Internet enabling her to communicate with, mobilize and motivate youth campaigners around the world.

## CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout 2004 the ICBL consistently encouraged and supported national campaign efforts to implement activities, as well as helped coordinate the actions of the member organizations.

### SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

- **Ethiopia** – Ethiopia ratified the Mine Ban Treaty on 17 December, 2004.
- **Burkina Faso** - The ICBL participated in the "Workshop on the Implementation of the Ottawa Convention on the Prohibition of Antipersonnel Mines in West Africa" hosted by the ICRC and held from 28-29 January in Ouagadougou.
- **Mozambique** - Norwegian People's Aid and Handicap International organized and coordinated the Landmine Monitor launch in Mozambique, featuring panel

discussions with experts in the field. The Foreign Minister, Dr. Leonardo Santos Simao, gave closing remarks highlighting the achievements of the Mine Action Programme in Mozambique. This launch took place during the “Demining Week,” which focused on Mozambique’s 2009 clearance deadlines.

## THE AMERICAS



Youth Against War, Ottawa 2004  
Song Kosal Leads Youth Against War march on 1<sup>st</sup> March. © Eva Morrison/MAC

- **Canada** - Mines Action Canada (MAC), in conjunction with the Youth Mine Action Ambassador Program (YMAAP), held its fifth annual Canadian Landmine Awareness (CLAW) Week from 1-7 March. Events included a cross-country speaking tour with youth and adult campaigners from Burundi, Cambodia, Georgia, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

- **Colombia** - The Campaña Colombiana contra Minas (CCCM), Geneva Call and the Colombian Congress hosted an “International Forum on Antipersonnel Mines, Non-State Actors and Humanitarian Accords” at the Colombian Senate

in Bogotá. Participants included government officials, international organizations and civil society representatives.

- **United States** - The US Campaign issued a press release and had several opinion pieces published in newspapers nationwide after the announcement of the new US mine ban policy

## EAST & SOUTH ASIA & THE PACIFIC

- **Australia** - Landmine Action Week, a series of awareness-raising activities held in cities across Australia, was held from 14-23 May. The week included a series of concerts, workshops, information tables, prayer services, photo exhibitions and other events.

- **Burma** - In April, the ICBL launched a campaign focusing on halting landmine use in Burma as soon as possible. The campaign aims to bring all combatants in Burma into informal talks on cessation of landmine use for humanitarian reasons. Neighbouring States Parties, UN Agencies and International Organizations with operations in Burma have been asked to take action to encourage all mine using parties within the country to agree to a halt on mine use, and to support the goals and activities of this campaign. Non-Violence International South East Asia is coordinating the campaign.

- **Cambodia** - The Cambodian Campaign to Ban Landmines sent letters to all embassies in Phnom Penh and the Cambodian government, urging them to send the highest level of representation possible to the Nairobi Summit. On 17 November, over 4,200 people came out to support the release of the Landmine Monitor Report 2004 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. ICBL Ambassadors Tun Channareth and Song Kosal greeted the new Cambodian King HRH Norodom Sihamoni.



ICBL Ambassador Tun Channareth and Youth Ambassador Song Kosal greet the Cambodian King HRH Norodom Sihamoni at the LM launch in Cambodia. © Sheree Bailey/LM

Cambodian campaigner Sok Eng served as master of ceremonies for the day, with ICBL Ambassador Tun Channareth addressing the crowd.

- **China** - The “Humanitarian Mine/UXO Clearance Technology and Cooperation Workshop,” the first landmine-related meeting hosted by the Government of China, was held from 26-28 April in Kunming. The ICBL Australia Network and China Arms Control and Disarmament Association (CACDA) co-sponsored the event, which brought together government officials, mine clearance experts, donors and representatives from international and non-governmental organizations.
- **Pakistan** - To celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> of March treaty anniversary, one of the ICBL’s member organisation, the Sustainable Peace & Development Organization (SPADO) organized “Towards a Landmines Free World,” a seminar to increase Pakistani support for the mine ban. Participants included members of the diplomatic community, journalists, academics and the general public.

#### EUROPE, THE CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

- **Turkmenistan** - Heeding concerns from civil society and governments alike over its retention of 69,200 antipersonnel mines, Turkmenistan began destruction of all but 200 of its mines on 1 February. This was due to, in large part, the ICBL’s advocacy efforts. ICBL campaigners and researchers participated in a stockpile destruction event on 8 April at a military base southwest of Turkmenabad (formerly Charjoh) in the Karakum desert. These actions reverse Turkmenistan’s previous declaration that it would keep tens of



Engineer Forces of the Ministry of Defense of Turkmenistan Prepare antipersonnel mines for destruction (April 2004). © Mark Hiznay/HRW

thousands of antipersonnel mines under Article 3 of the Mine Ban Treaty.

- **Azerbaijan** - Members of the Azerbaijan Campaign to Ban Landmines (AzCBL) met on several occasions with district and central government officials to urge Azerbaijan’s accession to the Mine Ban Treaty. The AzCBL held a seminar on 27 February in Baku on “current world tendencies after signing the Ottawa Convention,” with representatives from government ministries, parliamentarians and members of international and non-governmental organizations.



ICBL delegation meeting with the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (May 2004). © Sylvie Brigot/ICBL

- **Tajikistan** - The ICBL participated in a regional conference on landmines held from 15-16 May in Dushanbe organized by the Government of Tajikistan with support from UNDP. The meeting was held to assess progress in universalization and implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty in Central Asia. The ICBL and Landmine Monitor Regional Meeting for Central Asia were held concurrently.

## MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

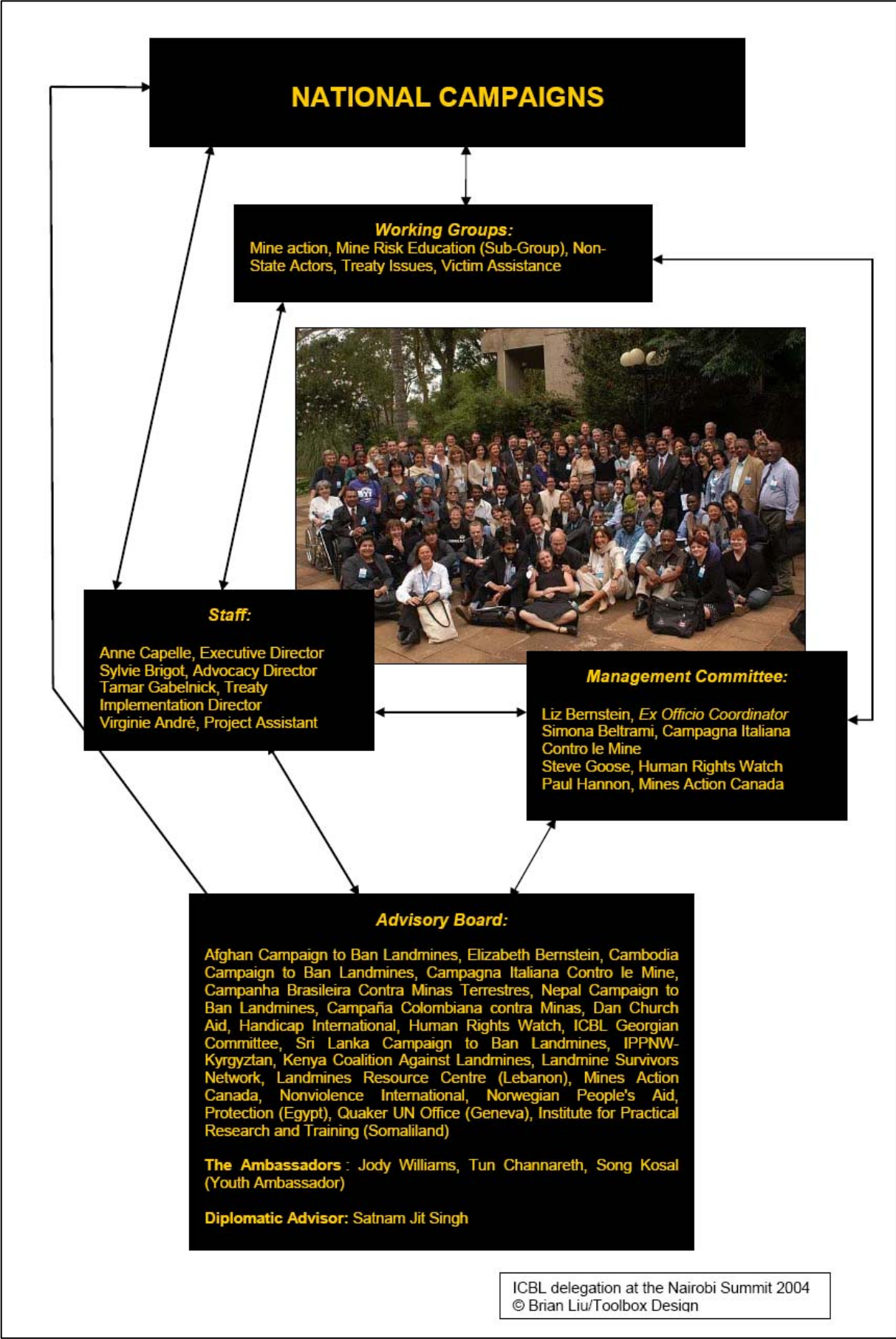
- **Jordan** - The Refugees, Displaced Persons and Forced Migration Studies Centre (RDFSC) at Yarmouk University, in cooperation with the Jordanian Armed Forces, National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation and Landmine Survivors Network, organized a weeklong series of awareness-raising activities from 21-25 March. Activities included a photo exhibition and awareness-raising presentations.
- **Egypt** – The ICBL member organisation, Landmine Survivors Network, co-organized a conference in Cairo held from 26-27 April on the "Egyptian Perspective on the Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities." The goal of the conference was to raise awareness around the various disability issues that landmine survivors face.

## TRANSITION

At its General Meeting in 2003 in Bangkok, the ICBL adopted a proposal to review ICBL goals, structure and activities post-2004, in order to take the ICBL forward into the next phase.

The Coordinating Committee, in consultation with ICBL membership, endorsed the ICBL continuing its work, but in a gradually more decentralized fashion, and with national campaigns, organizations and focal points playing an enhanced role.

The transitions process lasted around a year and developed a new strategy for ICBL through intensive consultations with partners and members.



Statement of Recorded Cash Receipts and Disbursements  
Year Ended 31 December 2004

Tate & Tryon completed the 2004 ICBL Independent Audit. The full report is available upon request.

The following excerpt is taken from their report:

**INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO BAN LANDMINES**

**Statement of Recorded Cash Receipts and Disbursements**

*Year Ended December 31, 2004*

<b>Recorded Cash Receipts</b>	
Grants, sponsorships and other	\$ 3,038,353
Loss on currency translation	(22,717)
	<u>3,015,636</u>
 <b>Cash Disbursements</b>	
Grants	1,033,402
Meetings/travel/catering	648,522
Salary/benefits/payroll expenses	319,441
Printing	165,799
Professional fees	68,376
Rent	60,750
Telephone	58,650
Other	50,353
Postage/delivery	45,810
Website	41,761
Translations	32,143
Regional advances	21,084
Supplies	13,820
Equipment/maintenance	8,857
Meeting room rental	2,180
CD Rom	1,517
	<u>2,572,465</u>
<b>Excess of cash receipts over recorded cash disbursements</b>	443,171
Cash balance, January 1, 2004	492,511
<b>Cash balance, December 31, 2004</b>	<u><u>\$ 935,682</u></u>

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