

Cartagena Summit Regional Factsheet



AMERICAS

States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty

Antigua & Barbuda	Argentina	Bahamas	Barbados	Belize
Bolivia	Brazil	Canada	Chile	Colombia
Costa Rica	Dominica	Dominican Rep.	Ecuador	El Salvador
Grenada	Guatemala	Guyana	Haiti	Honduras
Jamaica	México	Nicaragua	Panamá	Paraguay
Peru	St. Kitts & Nevis	Saint Lucia	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Suriname
Trinidad & Tobago	Uruguay	Venezuela		

States Not Party to the Mine Ban Treaty

Cuba	United States
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Mine-Affected States

Argentina; Chile; Cuba; Colombia; Ecuador; Nicaragua; Peru; Venezuela

Highlights

The United States was one of the first countries to call for the eventual elimination of landmines in the mid-1990s, but the U.S. did not sign the treaty when it opened for signature in 1997; instead President Clinton set 2006 as the goal for the U.S. to join the treaty. However, in 2004, President Bush reversed this decision. The State Department said on 24 November 2009 that the Obama Administration had completed a review of landmine policy and would not be joining the treaty, but the following day stated that in fact a review was still underway. The United States contributed US\$85 million to mine action in 32 countries in 2008.

Colombia has the second highest annual number of casualties (777 recorded) caused by mines, explosive remnants of war and improvised explosive devices in 2008, just behind Afghanistan (992 recorded.)

Since the Mine Ban Treaty entered into force in 1999, the following States Parties reported completion of their mine clearance obligations under the treaty. They are now considered to be mine-free: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Suriname.

Interview Opportunities

Zach Hudson - Hudson coordinates the United States Campaign to Ban Landmines and in this capacity he leads the initiative to bring the United States in line with the international treaties banning landmines and cluster munitions. *Languages: English*

Alvaro Jiménez Millan - Millan is the Coordinator of the Colombian Campaign to Ban Landmines. His professional background encompasses armed conflict, public administration and the construction of social policy. *Language: Spanish*

Other campaigners, mine action experts and landmine survivors are available for interviews in many languages.