

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF CANADA

January 27, 2008

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: 10th Anniversary of the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty

In December of 2007 there were various events to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Mine Ban Treaty which Canada signed onto and ratified in 1997.

At that time Paul Hannon, Executive Director of Mines Action Canada, a coalition of over 35 Canadian NGOs which supports a ban on landmines and cluster bombs, stated that many countries will be approaching their deadlines to clear all their minefields over the next five years.

We urge the Government of Canada to lead the international community as they did in 1997 and strongly urge all governments to comply with their obligations in ridding the world of landmines. Stockpiles of anti-personnel landmines are still in existence and must be destroyed in a transparent manner.

Sincerely,

Karen Dempsey
NCWC President

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