



Eight Annual Pledging Conference for the Implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty
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I would like to express the International Campaign to Ban Landmines-Cluster Munition Coalition's gratitude to all donors who have supported the work of civil society throughout the years. In 1997, the international community was visionary in seeking to achieve a mine free world and putting human security back at center stage.

Civil society, united under the International Campaign to Ban Landmines umbrella, has been a key actor in the progress achieved so far, and this has been possible, in part, due to sustained commitment from donors.

It is imperative that civil society voices including survivors, affected communities, and those living with the daily threat of landmines continue to be included in the work of the treaty.

In short, this means providing humanitarian mine action civil society organizations, those making the difference on the ground every day, timely and adequate assistance to do their work. It requires the right combination of knowledge, expertise, political will, commitment, and resources.

This will ensure we have the means to face the many challenges ahead and ultimately, to achieve a mine free world.

Thank you.