

**Intervention of the International Committee of the Red Cross
Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the
Convention
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Article 1

With reference to the issue of joint military operations with non-States Parties that may use anti-personnel mines, the ICRC shares many of the concerns raised by the ICBL about the implications of such operations for the Article 1 prohibition to assist anyone in engaging in activities banned by the Convention. Contacts we have had on this issue with some States Parties have given rise to concerns that Article 1 may not be strictly implemented.

The ICRC also shares the ICBL's concerns in relation to the issue of transit of anti-personnel mines by a non-State Party across the territory of a State Party. We consider that permitting transit of anti-personnel mines amounts to "assistance" in the use of anti-personnel mines, which is prohibited under Article 1.

The ICRC encourages States Parties to engage in concerted efforts to clarify their positions and reach a common understanding on these issues before or at the 2004 Review Conference.

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