



**Organization of American States
Office of Humanitarian Mine Action**

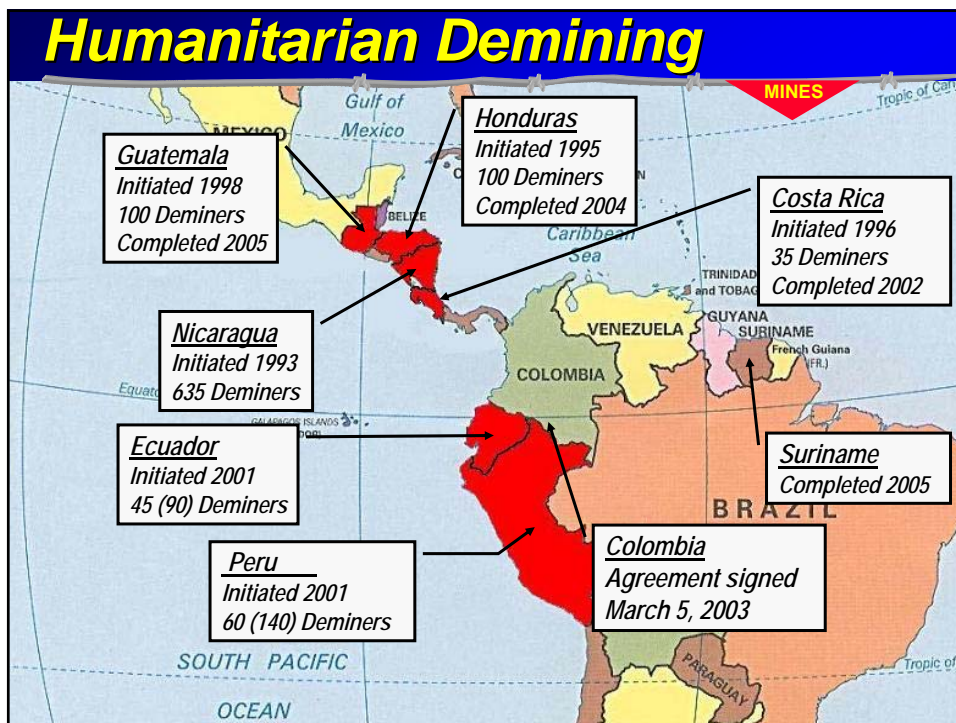
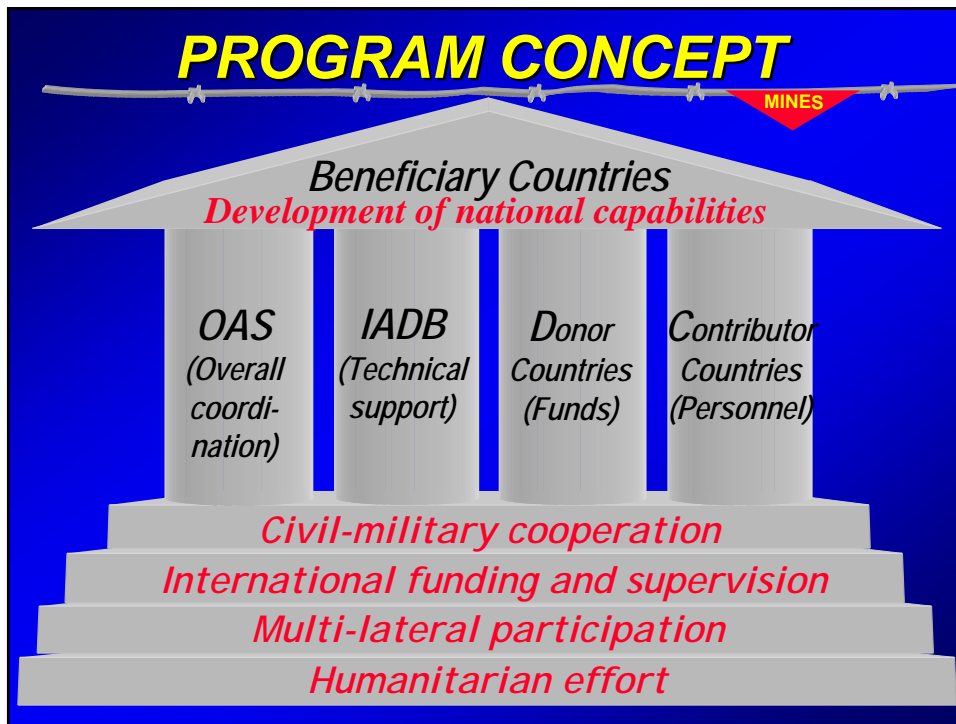
**Program for Comprehensive
Action
Against Antipersonnel Mines
(AICMA)**



MANDATES



- **AG/RES. 2180 (XXXVI-O/06) “The Americas as an Antipersonnel Land Mine-Free Zone; and”**
- **AG/RES.2181(XXXVI-O/06); “Support for Action Against Mines in Peru and Ecuador.**



Participating Countries

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Donors

Australia
Brazil
Canada
Denmark
France
Germany
Japan
Norway
Netherlands
Russian Federation
South Korea
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom
United States

Beneficiaries

Costa Rica
Colombia
Ecuador
Guatemala
Honduras
Nicaragua
Peru
Suriname

Contributors

Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Colombia
El Salvador
Guatemala
Honduras
United States
Venezuela

COMPONENTS

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SURINAME

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BACKGROUND

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- **Agreement signed between the Government of Suriname and the Organization of American States to assist with the following:**
 - ▶ **Clearance of Suriname's remaining minefield;**
 - ▶ **Develop the demining capacity of the Surinamese Army;**
 - ▶ **Return mine-affected land to productive use.**

OBJECTIVES

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Clearance of last remaining minefield located in Stolkertsijever, District of Commewijne.



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Equip and Train Suriname Humanitarian Mine Action Unit.



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Return mine affected land to productive use.



LOCAL AND REGIONAL PARTNERS

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- *Suriname*
- *Honduras*
- *Canada*
- *United States*
- *Brazil*
- *Inter-American Defense Board*
- *Suriname Red Cross*
- *Academic Hospital of Suriname*

STRATEGY

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- *Drawing on OAS 15 years of experience.*
- *Financial support from Canada.*
- *In Kind Support from Brazil, Honduras, United States and Suriname.*
- *IADB International Supervision*
- *Medical Support from Suriname Red Cross and Academic Hospital.*

OPERATIONS

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- *Demining Operations and Training began on 7 February 2005.*
- *First mine located on 15 February 2005.*
- *Trained Suriname Demining Unit integrated with Honduran deminers on 10 March 2005.*
- *Trained Suriname Demining Unit take over operations and departure of Honduran team on 19 March 2005. (International Supervisor Remains)*

OPERATIONS

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- *Mine identified during Quality Assurance Operations.*



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- *Operations concluded on 4 April 2005 with cleared land officially turned over by the OAS to the Inter-Departmental Commission of Antipersonnel Mines.*

Results:

- *06 Mines destroyed*
- *2,613 m² cleared*



CONCLUSION

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- *AICMA is a comprehensive, multi-dimensional regional program to address landmine issues.*
- *OAS ability to integrate regional partners and support multinational approaches.*
- *AICMA ability to draw from a large pool of technical and financial resources.*
- *All program components and participants are effectively integrated.*

THANK YOU

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