



Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

- New Zealand ratified the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in 1999
- No stockpiled anti-personnel mines, and no mined areas.



National Implementation

“Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control.”

Article 9

Implementing legislation

- 1998 Anti-Personnel Mines Prohibition Act

Part 1:

- Implements obligations under the Convention
- Defines “anti-personnel mine”

(a) means a mine designed to be exploded by the presence, proximity, or contact of a person, and that is capable of incapacitating, injuring, or killing 1 or more persons; but

(b) does not include a mine designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact of a vehicle as opposed to a person and equipped with an anti-handling device.

Part 2: Prohibitions / offences

(1) No person may—

- (a) **use** an anti-personnel mine; or*
- (b) **develop, produce, or otherwise acquire** an anti-personnel mine; or*
- (c) **possess, retain, or stockpile** an anti-personnel mine; or*
- (d) **transfer** to anyone, directly or indirectly, an antipersonnel mine; or*
- (e) **assist, encourage, or induce**, in any way, anyone to engage in conduct referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d).*

(2) Every person who engages in conduct prohibited by subsection (1) commits an offence.

(3) Every person who commits an offence against subsection (2) is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years or a fine not exceeding \$500,000.



Part 5: Fact-finding missions

- Facilitates fact-finding missions under the Convention by:

(a) confirming the right of members of a fact-finding mission to inspect places in New Zealand in accordance with the Convention; and

(b) enabling New Zealand officers to secure access for a member of a fact-finding mission where consent is not, or may not be, obtainable; and

(c) enabling New Zealand officers to accompany or assist a member of a fact-finding mission.



Other support for the Treaty

- Demining projects around the world
- Active participation in Meetings of States Parties
- Support easier reporting measures
- Coordinator for National Implementation Measures under the Cluster Munitions Convention (similar obligation to Article 9)