

Article b

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(International Co-operation & Assistance)

- Many Donors including USA, UK, Australia, Japan, Canada, Switzerland, Germany have funded mine Action Programme in Sri Lanka
- Norway also recently committed funds for Mine Action Programme. The commitment amounts to US 6.8 Mn. we specially thank the Government of Norway for the generous assistance
- Further GOSL also looks for "individualized approach" as modality for funding.
- The GICHD has agreed to extend support to mobilize funds for Sri Lanka
- With regard to Victim Assistance Ministry of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education (MRE) and Ministry of Defence are working closely with Donors and NGOs.
- Other Non Governmental organizations such as Jaipur Centre, Caritas and Vajhavodayam (වන්දනාව) and other NGOs have agreed to support Mine Action intervention.
- The Mine Operators including NGOs, NCO's, NO's such as Halo Trust, MAO, SHARP, DAS are supporting the Demining operation with Sri Lankan Army.

Article 6 Cont

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- It is important to advocate universalization where all countries should accede to the Convention
- All Donor's, INGO's, & NGO's ^{were} ~~who are~~ actively involved in the National Mine Action Strategy Development and Updating.

Exchange Programme among South South Countries have helped to learn Success Stories, Best Practices and lessons.

- The Government was keen to undertake a mine Impact Assessment to understand the outcomes and impact of mine action Programme. on the request of GOSL the UNICHA agreed to provide technical Assistance to undertake this Studies, including Documentation of best practices.