

THE MANAGUA CHALLENGE



The Managua Challenge

What is the Managua Challenge?

- A series of challenges issued to the Americas in preparation for the TMSP in Managua, Nicaragua 2001.
- These ambitious goals are in keeping with the desire of the leaders of the Americas to become the first mine free hemisphere.



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- Signatories of the Americas, to join the 27 States of the hemisphere and ratify the Ottawa Convention.
- States to have their Article 7 reports completed.
- States to complete their stockpile destruction.

**All in time for the TMSP in
Managua, Nicaragua 2001**



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Ratification. What do we need?

Maintain the political momentum

- Summit of the Americas,
- OAS General Assembly,
- OAS Hemispheric Security Committee

Ratification tools

- Legislative teams assist in drafting
- Exchange of national legislations



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Article 7. What do we need?

Proposed initiative

Canada has offered to create a series of consulting teams that would help States meet their reporting obligations.

These teams would assist States in:

Drafting Article 7 reports

Research and exchange of existing reports.



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Destruction. What do we need?

Political commitment

- States, OAS-Mine Action, UNMAS and GICHD and donors agree to challenge.

Tools

-OAS-Mine Action agrees to be focal point

-Expert teams are formed

-GICHD and partners prepare a template for national destruction plans

-GICHD explores the creation of training tools



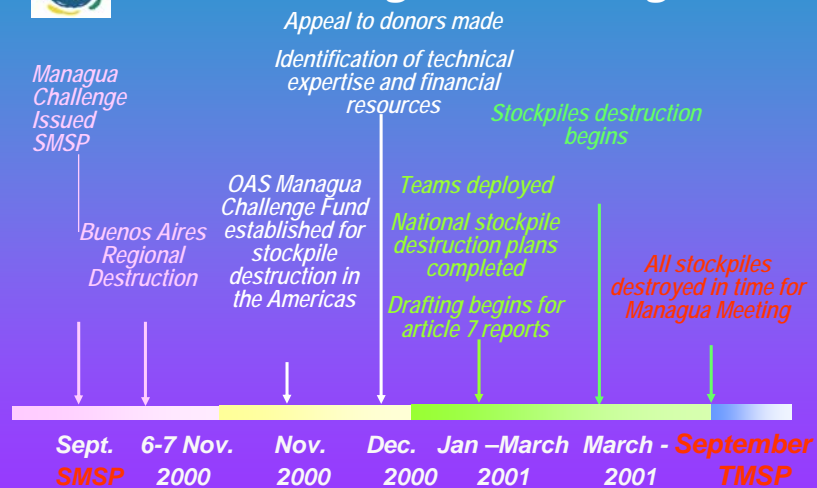
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Resources. What do we need?

- OAS Managua Challenge Fund (MCF) for Stockpile Destruction
- States in the Americas identify national expertise and focal points
- Donors and Organisations pledge financial resources and technical expertise



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**10 months of efforts, US \$1 million
and the Americas are free of
Stockpiles**

Bringing us one step closer to a mine
free hemisphere.

