



**Statement of the United Nations Mine Action Team
to the 9th Meeting of States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty
(Geneva, 24-28 November 2008)**

Stockpile destruction (Actions #9-16 of the Nairobi Action Plan)

The United Nations provided stockpile destruction assistance to two of the States Parties with Article 4 deadlines occurring in 2008 (Burundi, Sudan). On 31 March, the Republic of Sudan completed the destruction of the known and declared stockpiles of antipersonnel mines in the country, thus meeting the 1st April 2008 deadline. In Burundi, UNDP assisted in organizing the destruction of the entire stock of antipersonnel mines of the Burundian Army Forces, held on 17 March 2008. UNMAS continued to assist in the destruction of stockpiles in the territory of Western Sahara.