

### LANDMINE MONITOR REPORT FOR KIRIBATI – 2004

1. Since May 2003, Kiribati has not made any significant statements or declared any new policies with regard to the Mine Ban Treaty or global efforts to achieve a mine-free world.
2. Kiribati has submitted an updated Article 7 Report, which was no different from that submitted in 2001. This was submitted on 31 December, 2002. The Report was submitted to Ms Elizabeth Bernstein, Coordinator of the International Campaign To Ban Landmines, Washington DC, USA.
3. The Kiribati Government has not given consideration to the enactment of domestic implementation legislation to give effect to the Mine Ban Treaty.
4. Because there are no anti-personnel landmines in Kiribati, Government does not consider it necessary to enact such legislation.
5. The response is similar to that given in 4.
6. No, Kiribati has not participated in any Mine Ban related meetings and conferences, but it considers that through its accession to the Treaty in 2000, Kiribati is contributing to the promotion of the universalisation of the Mine Ban Treaty.
7. Unfortunately, Kiribati does not maintain an Office in the UN, and so misses out on the opportunity to participate in a number of important UN activities. However, our participation in a number of elections and co-sponsoring of important resolutions are done through proxy voting by a NZ UN Mission staff, if we are informed about these in time, and if we see the merits of supporting such. If we had been approached to co-sponsor the Pro-Mine Ban Resolutions, Kiribati would have willingly done so through proxy voting. In this regard, Kiribati would appreciate receiving information should similar resolutions be tabled again at this year's General Assembly.
8. No Kiribati national have suffered injuries as a result of anti-personnel landmines or unexploded ordnance in the past year.
9. There is no further development relating to Kiribati's implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty that we wish to have included in the Landmine Monitor 2004.