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**MESSAGE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR MINE AWARENESS
AND ASSISTANCE IN MINE ACTION**

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Thirty years ago, in 1992, a visionary group of people founded the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. Their dream was to eradicate landmines from the arsenals of every country, clear those landmines that are already polluting the earth and help survivors regain their lives and livelihoods.

To a degree it worked. 164 States around the world are party to the treaty that was created. More than 55 million anti-personnel landmines have been destroyed and more than 66 million people have been given in-person risk education to safeguard them from these hazards.

Millions of survivors have been helped.

But on this International Day, when we advocate for a mine-free world, we must be bolder still and we must call, collectively, for an end to all wars, including those we are witnessing today.

I urge you to support the peace efforts of the Secretary-General, peace campaigns, diplomatic solutions, grassroots, and other innovative movements. We have accomplished so much, but more still needs to be done to achieve our goals.