New Online Tool Links Landmine, Cluster-Bomb and Disability Treaties

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Mines Action Canada has launched a new interactive online tool to explain and make connections among three groundbreaking international humanitarian treaties: the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and Their Destruction (also known at the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention or APMBC), the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions and the 2006 Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities.

Building on work conducted by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other civil-society organizations, The-Treaties.org is an interactive website showcasing a series of videos, slide-show presentations, quizzes and illustrated guides, all developed by Mines Action Canada. Launched 9 January 2012, the website is available in Arabic, English, French and Spanish, and aims to provide information about the three conventions and what they have in common. For example, the Know Your Rights infographic shows that the right to rehabilitation is outlined in the CCM and the CRPWD, and the Cartagena Action Plan of the APMBC.

These three conventions have created an important legal framework to protect civilians, strengthen victim assistance, and defend the rights of landmine and cluster-munition survivors, along with other persons with disabilities. This website is a unique resource to provide information on the rights of persons with disabilities and how that is connected to survivor assistance.

For more information, please visit: http://the-treaties.org and http://minesactioncanada.org.

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