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CALL FOR PAPERS

Editorial: The Oslo Review Conference - The Fourth Review Conference of the *Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention* commemorates the APMBC's 20th anniversary since entering into force. Held in Oslo, Norway, in November 2019, the Fourth Review Conference presents the HMA sector with an opportunity to consider the scope of work that remains in order to realize the tenets first negotiated in 1997—to save lives, promote sustainable development in affected areas, and to assist survivors. Since the APMBC went into effect in 1999, how has the HMA community changed to meet the needs of an ever-changing sector? Does the HMA sector currently possess the capacity to help States Parties adequately and efficiently achieve the terms outlined in the APMBC? Submissions discussing what progress has been made, as well as the challenges that remain are encouraged.

Mine Action in the Public Eye - In 1997, Princess Diana advocated for those suffering from landmines in Angola and Bosnia, raising awareness of the humanitarian issue surrounding landmine contamination. Similarly, retracing his mother's footsteps, Prince Harry's September 2019 visit to Angola drew global media attention to the ongoing humanitarian crisis of landmines and other explosive remnants of war. But what happens after the media spotlight dims? How can HMA organizations leverage stories at the country level to help advocate for resources that will advance the sector's goals and its beneficiaries? Raising attention of the people most affected by landmine contamination through human impact stories and advancing the HMA narrative by showing how explosive hazards clearance affects individual communities can raise support and leverage assets. Every organization involved in HMA has hundreds of stories at the country level to share with the global community—tell us yours.

Africa - *The Journal* seeks submissions on organizations' programs in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Libya, Somalia, South Sudan, Senegal, and Zimbabwe. Of particular interest are articles operating specifically in Angola, focusing on demining efforts, survey, physical security and stockpile management, information management, and victim assistance.

Robotics and Remote Sensing - Used to assist in identifying potential contamination, as well as in planning and monitoring and evaluation of clearance operations, *The Journal* encourages submissions on the latest technological advances.

Victim Assistance and Disability Rights Integration in HMA, Legal Frameworks, and Capacity Building - What issues around VA need to be addressed within the current context of HMA? How can VA be integrated into broader disability and development frameworks? Building on the foundation from the Maputo Action Plan, what challenges, opportunities, and expectations does the Oslo Action Plan set forth?

Physical Security and Stockpile Management - Topics of interest include: mentoring and evaluation, developing national capacities, ammunition management training, monitoring, database systems, successes, challenges, etc. Articles focusing on ammunition management/storage are encouraged.

Low-Order EOD Techniques/Sustainable Methods of Destruction Many programs face issues finding in-country explosives as high explosives are increasingly not permitted for disposal operations and alternatives are becoming expensive. Programs operating with low-order EOD techniques are encouraged to submit.

Humanitarian Mine Action Training Centers/Sites: Best Practices and Standards - Organizations are encouraged to submit on their training centers as well as on-site training grounds for in-country personnel.