Canada was the first nation to ratify an international treaty banning personal landmines.

In recognition of the country's leadership, the paperwork surrounding the agreement has been permanently transferred to the National Library and Archives of Canada.

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The official ceremony to accept archival records from the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, co-laureate of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize, was held Sept. 15 at the Wellington Street location. Among those on hand for the ceremony were Margaret Arach Orech of Uganda; Elizabeth Bernstein, Coordinator, International Campaign to Ban Landmines; Ross Hynes, Canadian Ambassador for Mine Action; ICBL Youth Ambassador Song Kosal of Cambodia; Paddy Torsney, Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister of International Cooperation; Lawrence Tapper, Archivist, Library and Archives Canada; Ian E. Wilson, Librarian and Archivist of Canada, and Paul Hannon, Executive Director, Mines Action Canada. The Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World Nov. 29-Dec. 3, will be the next major forum to address ongoing issues.