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A WORLD WITH NO LAND MINES

On the occasion of our inauguration of the Peace Council, November 27-30, 1995, we take this opportunity to reaffirm our complete support for an international ban on the production, sale, export, stockpiling, and use of land mines. We join our voices to the chorus of religious leaders who have eloquently appealed for a ban and the 1.7 million men and women who have thus far signed petitions calling for a total ban on these horrific, immoral weapons.

As we seek ways to work together for a more peaceful world, we know that there can be no peace with land mines. As we attempt to make peace every day, we know that to make peace in the world we must have peace in our minds. To make peace we must remove the land mines in our own hearts which keep us from making peace: hatred, greed, and delusion. We can oppose hatred with loving kindness, greed with generosity, and delusion with wisdom. Peacemaking begins with us. We rededicate ourselves to peacemaking and to creating a world without land mines for future generations.

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