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Projetos de intervenções:

ITEM 7) e. i. COOPERAÇÃO E ASSISTÊNCIA

International cooperation is one of the pillars of the Convention, to which Brazil gives particular importance. Brazil has a long history in humanitarian demining. Since 1994, over 370 Officers from the Brazilian Army and Navy have participated in demining operations, most notably in South- and Central America, as well as in Africa, under the aegis of the UN and of the Organization of American States.

One particular priority of Brazil in this field is the training of national experts, both civilian and military, in humanitarian demining techniques. By internalizing the capacity to conduct demining operations, training has a multiplier effect, strengthening national institutions and ownership of the clearing process. Brazil has supported training in humanitarian demining in, among other States, Angola, Cabo Verde, Colombia, Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique. Brazilian Marines are currently serving as instructors, international observers and technical assistants in Colombia, assisting their national efforts to implement Article 5.

It is paramount to maintain and strengthen current international cooperation efforts, in order to adequately match resources and needs. As paragraph 63 from the Review document recalls, while each State Party is responsible for the implementation of the Convention in areas under its jurisdiction or control, the shared goal and common objectives, namely a world without landmines, can be advanced through enhanced cooperation. In fact, it is arguable, that that ultimate goal can only be achieved in the context of increased international solidarity.