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Contact details for letters

Please write a letter to the High Commissioners and Ambassadors to the UK of India, Pakistan and Nepal expressing your concern that their country is not yet a member of the Ottawa Treaty banning the use of antipersonnel mines. Please see the sample letter overleaf and include specific information for each country from the relevant fact sheets.

The postal addresses and contacts are as follows:

India

His Excellency High Commissioner Kamlesh Sharma
High Commission of India
India House
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Pakistan

Her Excellency High Commissioner Maleeha Lodhi
High Commission of Pakistan
35 -36 Lowndes Square
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Nepal

His Excellency Ambassador Prabal S.J.B. Rana
Royal Nepalese Embassy
12a Kensington Palace Garden
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W8 4QU

Sri Lanka

Her Excellency High Commissioner Kshenuka Senewiratne
Sri Lankan High Commission
No.13 Hyde Park Gardens,
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Sample letter to Ambassadors and High Commissioners to the UK

Dear High Commissioner / Ambassador,

I write to encourage India/Pakistan/Nepal/Sri Lanka to adopt a complete ban on anti-personnel landmines by signing the Ottawa treaty. As you may be aware, most countries in the world now reject any use, production, stockpiling or trade of landmines. Today there are 143 States Parties to the Ottawa treaty and a further nine signatory countries.

Landmines in your country are killing and injuring the very civilians you say you need them to protect.

As membership to the Treaty continues to grow, the South Asian region is sadly under-represented. I / We would like you to urge your government to make steps toward signing the Ottawa treaty and stop producing and using landmines in any conflicts.

Please put the best interests of civilians first.

Yours sincerely,

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

If you would like more information about the problem of anti-personnel mines and any of the countries mentioned in this pack please contact:

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