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It is hard to think of another international civil society endeavour in the field of peace-making that has achieved such a successful result in the last 12 months. The Coalition has demonstrated great skill in its campaigning strategy and tactics, has built on the outstanding success of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines; and has made impressive use of the whole panoply of modern communication techniques. IPB believes that the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to the CMC will do much to boost the efforts, not only of the Coalition itself (and it needs strong support for the remaining work still to be done), but also of civil society in general. At a time of widespread loss of hope in many places given the scale of the global crisis, it is empowering and encouraging to be reminded that ordinary people – including those in conflict zones and some of the world’s poorest communities – can work together to make a genuine impact.”

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