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1. The International Peace Bureau's centenary celebrations

PART I - MAKING PEACE

A brief report on the grand opening day/festival of International Peace Bureau's outdoor exhibition "Making Peace" that took place on the 6th of June in Geneva. It was a great success!

<http://ipb.org/i/pdf-files/BriefReport-IPBs-Exhibition-Making-Peace06062010.pdf>



PART II - OSLO

From the 23rd to the 26th of September 2010, the International Peace Bureau will hold a special international conference in OSLO, under the title "A Climate of Peace".

TOPICS

Disarmament for development, Nuclear abolition, Peace education, Peace history, Conflict prevention, Women in peacemaking, Afghanistan, Norway as a peace nation, and more!

The conference will be preceded by a 2 day youth programme (in Norwegian).

VENUES: NOBEL CENTRE, HOUSE OF LITERATURE, NOBEL INSTITUTE.

The IPB Triennial Assembly will be held on the 26th of September.

KEY PARTNER: Norwegian Peace Council www.norgesfredsrad.no

FOR FULL DETAILS SEE: <http://ipb100.org/>



2. Disarmament for Development

A MILITARY VS. SOCIAL SPENDING

LAUNCH OF THE SIPRI YEARBOOK 2010: NEW FIGURES FOR GLOBAL MILITARY SPENDING

BY JOHN FEFFER

June, 9th – Worldwide military expenditure in 2009 totalled an estimated \$1,531 billion, according to new figures released today by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

See <http://www.sipri.org/>

ONE BILLION REASONS TO DISARM THE PLANET

BADRIYA KHAN

April, 28th – The world is over-armed; the world is over-hungry.

See <http://other-news.info/index.php?p=3378#more-3378>

THALES AND FRANCE FINED \$830M FOR TAIWAN NAVY DEAL

BY BBC

May, 3rd – An international court has ordered France and defence electronics group Thales to pay \$830m in compensation to Taiwan over a sale of warships in 1991. The panel of arbitrators ordered the payments to make up for unauthorised commissions paid to help Thomson-CSF, which became Thales, win the deal.

See <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/8658789.stm>

US APPOINTS FIRST CYBER WARFARE GENERAL

BY PETER BEAUMONT, FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITOR

May, 23rd – The Pentagon is channelling a growing volume of troops and resources into countering cyber warfare.

See <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/may/23/us-appoints-cyber-warfare-general>

**MILITARY BUILDUPS IN LATIN AMERICA AN ALARMING TREND**

BY JIM WYSS

June, 15th – As Colombia's troubles keep its neighbors on guard, the international community is hoping to avoid a Latin American arms race.

See <http://www.miamiherald.com/2010/06/15/1680755/military-buildups-in-latin-america.html>

GREEK MILITARY SPENDING CRITICISED

May, 13th – Despite a deep budget deficit crisis, Greece is being encouraged by Paris and Berlin, from whom it buys many of its weapons, to continue spending billions of dollars on defence.

See <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/europe/2010/05/2010513145757738686.html>

INCREASING OUR SECURITY BY CUTTING MILITARY SPENDING

BY BILL HARTUNG

May, 27th – I agree with Patrick Barry ("Strength Through Prosperity," link below) that the emphasis on grounding our security in the strength of our economy is perhaps the most important element of the Obama Administration's National Security Strategy.

See <http://www.democracypartisan.org/2010/05/strength-through-prosperity.html>

SPANISH ARMS EXPORTS 1999-2008

BY TICA FONT AND FRANCESC BENÍTEZ

The present report aims to show the main trends of Spanish exports of arms and dual-use material highlighting the most important changes in the Spanish market and in the export policy of the government in this field. Data are presented in the context of the last 9 years for which data are available.

See http://www.centredelas.org/attachments/600_informe6_eng_web.pdf

THE TRILLION-DOLLAR QUESTION

BY JOHN FEFFER

June, 1st – The full-page ads in The Washington Post seem so reasonable. The military contractor Pratt & Whitney has been arguing that America doesn't need to spend \$485 million to develop a second engine for the F-35 jet fighter.

See <http://xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/1413460/76425959/name/Ban%20Ki-moon%20press%20release%2Epdf>

**MY ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION CUT? THE ARMED FORCES. ALL OF THEM**

BY SIMON JENKINS

June, 8th – Yet £45bn is spent defending Britain against fantasy enemies...See <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/jun/08/cuts-armed-services-fantasy-enemies>**U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS CALLS ON CONGRESS TO SLASH NUCLEAR WEAPONS SPENDING AND REDIRECT FUNDS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CITIES**

BY JACKIE CABASSO

June, 16th – Mayors for Peace congratulates the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) for unanimously adopting a groundbreaking resolution...See http://www.usmayors.org/resolutions/78th_Conference/adoptedresolutionsfull.pdf**B IMPACTS OF WEAPONS ON DEVELOPMENT****SAMOA RATIFIES CLUSTER BOMB BAN TREATY***April, 29th* – Samoa became the 31st country to ratify the Convention on Cluster Munitions on 28 April 2010, just 95 days before the treaty takes effect and becomes legally binding international law on 1 August.See <http://www.stopclustermunitions.org/news/?id=2230>**PHILIPPINE REBELS AGREE TO REMOVE LANDMINES IN SOUTH***April, 23th* – The Philippines' largest Muslim rebel group will work parallel to the government to clear landmines and unexploded bombs left by decades of conflict on troubled Mindanao island, a guerrilla leader said on Friday.See <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/SGE63M0BG.htm>**U.N. CALLS FOR UNIVERSAL RATIFICATION OF BAN ON CHILD SOLDIERS**

BY HANNAH RUBENSTEIN

May, 26th – A decade after the passage of the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the United Nations and human rights groups are urging 44 unsigned countries to join in ratifying the treaty.See <http://www.other-net.info/index.php>



FOURTH BIENNIAL MEETING OF STATES ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS BY REACHING CRITICAL WILL

June, 8th – Reaching Critical Will, along with Global Action to Prevent War, the International Action Network on Small Arms, Oxfam International, and other NGOs, will be monitoring and reporting on the activities and work of the Fourth Biennial Meeting of States on small arms and light weapons, running 14-18 June 2010.

See <http://smallarmsmonitor.blogspot.com/>

C GENERAL

AFGHANISTAN: US DEATH TOLL IN WAR REACHES 1000

May, 28th – The American military death toll in Afghanistan has passed the 1,000 mark at a time when President Barack Obama's strategy to turn back the Taliban is facing its greatest test.

See http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5jRlX39V_4k_sWjvPgYeLL50wtWKA

U.S. IDENTIFIES VAST RICHES OF MINERALS IN AFGHANISTAN

BY JAMES RISEN

June, 13th – The United States has discovered nearly \$1 trillion in untapped mineral deposits in Afghanistan.

See <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/14/world/asia/14minerals.html>

3. Nuclear Disarmament / NPT Review Conference

NPT MEET DRAWS THOUSANDS OF ANTI-NUKES ACTIVISTS

BY ANNA SHEN

May, 3rd – Japanese women in kimonos carrying signs urging "No More Hiroshima", an 80-year-old grandmother, and 18 mayors from around the world were just some of the almost 15,000 people who marched in New York City Sunday to rally for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

See <http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=51297>



BAN LAUDS NUKE-FREE WORLD EFFORT

UNITED NATIONS PRESS RELEASE

May, 29th – United Nations (UN) Secretary General Ban Ki-moon lauded the success of the 2010 Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference (RevCon), which was chaired by the Philippines, welcoming the agreement on a process leading to the establishment of a Middle East nuclear weapons-free zone.

See <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/legal/npt/NIR2009/No9.pdf>

A FINAL DOCUMENT WITHOUT FINALITY: THE NPT REVIEW OUTCOME

BY LAWYERS COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR POLICY

May, 28th – After four weeks of spirited debate at the United Nations the five year review conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) ended today with more of a whimper than a bang.

See www.lcnp.org

PM'S OFFICE: ISRAEL WON'T COMPLY WITH NPT RESOLUTION

BY ATTILA SOMFALVI

May, 29th – The Prime Minister's Office commented on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation conference's decision to note Israel as a country's whose facilities must be regulated as "fundamentally wrong and duplicitous."

See <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3895780,00.html>

DESPITE MOVEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST, DISAPPOINTMENT REIGNS OVER THE OUTCOME OF THE NPT CONFERENCE

BY TONY ROBINSON

May, 30th – The NPT conference has come to an end after 4 weeks of intense debate and horse-trading in New York with little progress on disarmament.

See http://pressenza.com/main/newsByNewsSection/news_section_id/4

U.N. NUKE MEET ENDS WITH GOOD INTENTIONS AND EMPTY PROMISES

BY THALIF DEEN

May, 29th – The road to a nuclear weapons-free world is apparently paved with good intentions - but littered with plenty of platitudes and empty promises.

See www.ipsnews.net



GOVERNMENTS 'ASPIRE' TO RID THE WORLD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

BY ICAN

May, 29th – The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) welcomes the adoption today of the final document by the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) review conference, but expresses its disappointment at the failure of governments to agree on a concrete action plan to abolish all nuclear weapons by means of a comprehensive treaty.

See www.icanw.org

NGO ABOLITION CAUCUS AT THE 2010 NPT CONDEMNS THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY FOR PUSHING A NUCLEAR ENERGY AGENDA

BY TONY ROBINSON

May, 11th – Non-governmental organizations at the NPT Abolition Caucus express dismay at the unashamed pushing of a nuclear energy agenda at the NPT conference.

See <http://www.pressenza.com/npermalink/ngo-abolition-caucus-at-the-2010-npt-condemns-the-nuclear-industry-for-pushing-a-nuclear-energy-agenda>

LAWMAKERS MUST USE THEIR VOICES TO PROMOTE DISARMAMENT, SAYS BAN

May, 6th – Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today exhorted parliamentarians from across the globe to promote the cause of a nuclear-weapon-free world, a “personal dream” of the United Nations chief.

See <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=34620&Cr=nuclear&Cr1>

REPORT ON MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONES

BY KATE DEWEES, FORMER IPB VICE-PRESIDENT.

April, 30th – A very successful civil society Forum on Nuclear Weapons Free Zones was held just prior to the 2nd Conference of States Parties and Signatories that establish Nuclear Weapon Free Zones and Mongolia.

See www.opanal.org/Docs/seminars/2010NWFZConf/NWFZ-CONF.2010-1_english.pdf

US FAILS AT NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

BY ARN SPECTOR

June, 1st – Once again the United States has failed to join forces with those advocating progressive change and developments.

See <http://www.opednews.com/Diary/US-Fails-at-Nuclear-Disarm-by-arn-spector-100501-485.html>



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DELEGITIMIZING NUCLEAR WEAPONS

BY KEN BERRY, PATRICIA LEWIS, BENOÎT PÉLOPIDAS, NIKOLAI SOKOV AND WARD WILSON

May 2010 – If the global elimination of nuclear weapons is ever going to be undertaken in earnest, nuclear deterrence must be held up to scrutiny and found wanting. This paper sets out to examine deterrence as the core attribute assigned to nuclear weapons and their associated legitimacy in the international security system.

See http://kms1.isn.ethz.ch/serviceengine/Files/ISN/116230/ipublicationdocument_singledocument/e434bd2d-9053-4e01-bcff-1dcdea3d42ad/en/2010-05-delegitimizing_nuclear_weapons_may_2010.pdf

"ADVANCING NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT: THE POWER OF PARLIAMENTS"

BY BAN KI-MOON

May, 6th – United Nations Secretary-General remarks to the Inter-Parliamentary Union and Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament

See <http://www.un.org/apps/sg/sgstats.asp?nid=4533>

OBAMA EXPANDS MODERNIZATION OF NUCLEAR ARSENAL

BY PETER BAKER

May, 14th – President Obama promised Thursday to spend \$80 billion over 10 years to maintain and modernize the nation's nuclear arsenal, a commitment that could help win Republican support for his new arms control treaty with Russia.

See <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/14/us/politics/14treaty.html>

SOME ACTIVISTS LOSING FAITH IN OBAMA NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGENDA

BY ELAINE M. GROSSMAN

May, 7th – A number of leading peace activists this week said they were losing faith in U.S. President Barack Obama's commitment to working toward nuclear disarmament, and are questioning whether he would match his soaring rhetoric with practical steps...

See http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw_20100507_3767.php

PAKISTAN SAYS NUCLEAR SAFETY CONCERNS ADDRESSED

BY ZEESHAN HAIDER

May, 8th – Pakistan reiterated a call on Saturday for the international community to recognize it as a nuclear power, saying it had addressed the world's concerns over the safety and security of its nuclear weapons.

See http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20100508/ts_nm/us_pakistan_missiles_3



NEW BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT NUCLEAR DETERRENT

BY GLOBAL SECURITY NEWSWIRE

May, 13th – The new British coalition government favors sustaining the nation's nuclear deterrent, though one partner intends to study "alternatives" to the current submarine-based Trident system, Reuters reported yesterday.

See http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20100513_4987.php

4. Miscellaneous

THE GLOBAL PEACE INDEX RECORDS LESS ARMED CONFLICT, BUT INCREASING RATES OF HOMICIDE AND VIOLENT CRIME ACROSS THE WORLD

June, 8th – The world has become less peaceful over the last year, despite a drop in the number of armed conflicts, according to this year's Global Peace Index (GPI).

See <http://www.guardian.co.uk/katine/2010/jun/08/global-peace-index>

5. Resources

SECURITY WITHOUT NUCLEAR DETERRENCE (BOOK)

BY ROBERT GREEN

May, 7th – I recently returned home to New Zealand from attending a major conference at the United Nations in New York reviewing prospects for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament.

See http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robert-green/nuclear-deterrence-scam-b_b_603157.html

See <http://www.amazon.com/Security-Without-Nuclear-Deterrence-Commander/dp/0473167816>