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ADVANCE NOTICE – FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION

**NEW ON-LINE EDUCATION COURSE:
‘DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT’**

The International Peace Bureau (IPB) and the Open University of Catalonia (UOC) are pleased to announce that they have established a collaboration designed to lead to a new on-line course focussing on the IPB's main area of work: Sustainable Disarmament for Sustainable Development ('D for D').

The course will open on **6th March 2012**.

It will be open to adult students (university level) from any part of the world.

Language: English

Disarmament for Development is the IPB's core programme, launched in 2005. The principal themes are:

- (1) the disparity between military spending and spending on the Millennium Development Goals;
- (2) the effects of weapons on development; and
- (3) the doctrines and justifications underpinning investment in militarism. You can read more about this programme at IPB's main website: <http://www.ipb.org>

We believe the subjects tackled on this unique course will be of interest to a wide range of students, especially those wishing to be engaged in issues relating to peace, disarmament, sustainable development and related fields.

General information about the **methods of study and teaching** can be found at : http://www.uoc.edu/portal/english/estudis/com_estudia/index.html

Further details will be announced during the coming months.

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About IPB

The International Peace Bureau is dedicated to the vision of a World Without War. We are a Nobel Peace Laureate (1910), and over the years 13 of our officers have been recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize. Our 320 member organisations in 70 countries, and individual members, form a global network which brings together expertise and campaigning experience in a common cause. IPB has United Nations Consultative Status since 1977 and is the Secretariat for the NGO Committee for Disarmament (Geneva).

Main website: <http://www.ipb.org>

as well as <http://www.facebook.com/ipb1910>

and <http://twitter.com/IntlPeaceBureau>

Global Day of Action on Military Spending: <http://demilitarize.org>

About UOC

The UOC is an online university born from the knowledge society and whose mission is to provide people with lifelong learning and education. An internationally-renowned online university, the UOC offers student-centred learning with the benefits of personalized studies, flexibility, accessibility and collaboration. The UOC is a leader and innovator in education and technology, and is a benchmark for quality in its academic work and research in e-learning based on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). A Catalan university with an international presence, the UOC is sensitive to the diversity of its environment and committed to the capacity of education and culture to effect social change. The UOC has a strong international presence, forging alliances with universities and research institutions in different countries, and is also committed to promoting business and entrepreneurial activity through local and international partnership projects.

<http://www.uoc.edu>