



# International Peace Bureau



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## Introducing IPB

The International Peace Bureau is a non-profit association founded in 1891, the oldest international peace organization, dedicated to the vision of a World Without War. Our network includes 300 member organisations in 70 countries. Our current main programme centres on Disarmament for Sustainable Development and we campaign mainly on the reduction of military expenditure. We depend on your support to continue working on this and a range of other topics, including nuclear and conventional disarmament, arms trade, peace education, culture of peace and peace history.

Please consider: Leaving us a legacy or making an endowment or a simple donation. In this way you can enable IPB to plan its work more effectively and thus help to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war".

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## Global Day of Action on Military Spending 2013



GDAMS 2013 will be on April 15. To sign up for the GDAMS newsletter, please join our [Google group](#). Have a look at the newsletter [here](#). For more news and updates visit [www.gdams.org](http://www.gdams.org), like GDAMS on [Facebook](#), and follow us on [Twitter](#)!

## Same Millennium, New Goals: Why Peace, Security, Good Governance and the Rule of Law Must Be Included in the New MDGs



March 12, 2013 – While discussions are underway on the post-2015 Development Agenda, the authors Mary Robinson, Kevin Rudd and Judy Cheng-Hopkins argue that democratic governance, peace and security, as well as the rule of law must be included in the new framework as evidence shows that these are critical components to achieve sustainable development. [Full text](#).

# DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

## MILITARY SPENDING

### EUROPEAN UNION

#### [How the EU subsidises Israel's military-industrial complex \(Ben Hayes, Open democracy\)](#)

March 6, 2013 – The European Union is providing generous research and development subsidies to *Israel Aerospace Industries*, the state-owned manufacturer of Israeli 'drones' and other 'battlefield solutions'. Meanwhile, the EU expresses its concern about Israel's "targeted killings" and the Separation Wall and also condemns new Israeli settlements. So can the EU really disclaim any responsibility?

### USA

#### [Top Pentagon thinker bemoans "civilian subjugation to the military." \(Bryan Bender, Boston Globe Staff\)](#)

March 26, 2013 - Blistering charges of misplaced power and a morally bankrupt culture in the nation's "military-industrial complex" are rarely leveled by one of the defense establishment's own. But that is exactly what an instructor of the military's rising stars lobbed on Tuesday when he very purposely engaged in friendly fire at a defense budget conference co-hosted by the Cambridge-based Project on Defense Alternatives.

#### [Study: Iraq War Cost 190K Lives, \\$2.2 Trillion \(Pat Reber, Deutsche Presse-Agentur\)](#)

March 15, 2013- The U.S.-led war in Iraq claimed 190,000 lives and will cost the U.S. government at least \$2.2 trillion, according to the findings of a project at Brown University released Thursday. The Costs of War report, released ahead of the 10th anniversary of the war on March 20, said that the financial calculation included "substantial" costs to care for wounded U.S. veterans. The total estimate far outstrips the initial projection by President George W. Bush's government that the war would cost \$50 billion to \$60 billion.

#### [Iraq, Afghanistan wars will cost us 4-6 trillion dollars \(Jim Lobe, Inter Press Service\)](#)

March 31, 2013 - Costs to U.S. taxpayers of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will run between four and six trillion dollars, making them the most expensive conflicts in U.S. history, according to a new report by a prominent Harvard University researcher. While Washington has already spent close to two trillion dollars in direct costs related to its military campaigns in the two countries, that total "represents only a fraction of the total war costs", according to the report by former Bill Clinton administration official Linda Bilmes...

#### [Recent articles by Larry Wittner on nuclear free world, gun control, budget, Lockheed Martin](#)

Find here four recent articles by Larry Wittner upon the issues of gun control and arms control; the Obama Administration's retreat from its promises of building a world without nuclear weapons as well as an article upon the US nuclear weapons budget and one focusing on Lockheed Martin.

## UK

### [UK defence spending to be allowed "exceptional flexibility" as minister calls for cuts to welfare \(Holly Watt, Whitehall Editor\)](#)

March 20, 2013 - In today's annual [Budget speech](#), the UK's finance minister admitted that the economy will grow only half as fast this year as forecast only three months ago...The Ministry of Defence will benefit from what the Prime Minister's spokesman described as "exceptional flexibility", allowing £1.6bn of its underspend to be "rolled over" into 2013-14 and 2014-15. Philip Hammond, the defence secretary... [made a rare intervention earlier this month](#) when he called for the defence budget to be protected in the next spending period of 2015-16. He says the axe should fall on the welfare budget.

## LIBYA

### [Libya 'plans to spend \\$4.7B on defense' \(United Press International\)](#)

March 26, 2013 – Libya is said to be planning to upgrade its military forces for a total of \$4.7 billion over the next year. Libya's General National Congress justifies this spending as it is concerned about its frontier with Egypt, Niger, Chad, Sudan, Tunisia and Algeria. Meanwhile European defense companies, especially French and British ones are already scrambling to equip Libya's military.

More: [Libya to spend billions on defence \(James Doran\)](#)

## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

### [Local Communities Forced to Pay Salaries of DRC Army and Rebels \(Taylor Toeka Kakala, IPS\)](#)

March 15, 2013 – In the Democratic Republic of the Congo rebel groups, as well as the Congolese army, have been accused of extorting money from the local population to pay their salaries. For instance, in eastern Congo, each person on their way to harvest their fields must pay the "sleep in peace" tax. This illegal tax amounts to \$1 or an equivalent of 2 to 3 kilograms of harvested crops.

## BELGIUM

### [IPB conference to highlight need for military transparency: Belgium, 23-24 May](#)

Over the last 12 years IPB has been commemorating the centenaries of the [Nobel Peace Prizes awarded to several of our 'ancestors'](#), active in the years before 1914. The last of these will be in Mons, Belgium, where we are working with the [Mundaneum Archive Centre](#), co-founded by La Fontaine and Paul Otlet. Together with the [University of Mons](#), we are organising a bilingual international symposium on 23-24 May 2013. The topic is: [Between Secrecy and Transparency: War, Peace and Democracy](#) (a theme closely related to our work on military spending). Many

high-level speakers are invited. See also [IPB cooperation with Belgian institutions to commemorate Henri Lafontaine.](#)

## IMPACTS OF WEAPONS ON DEVELOPMENT

### [WHO study to reveal Iraq birth defects increasing \(International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons\)](#)

March 22, 2013 – The BBC has reported that a much anticipated study by the World Health Organisation and Iraqi Ministry of Health will show that rates of birth defects in Iraq are higher in areas that were subject to heavy fighting in 2003. The study was launched after concern was generated by reports from medical staff in cities such as Fallujah and Baghdad of spiralling rates of congenital birth defects.

### [Research Note 27: Armed Violence Monitoring Systems \(Small Arms Survey\)](#)

Armed Violence Monitoring Systems, a new Research Note by the Small Arms Survey and the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development, examines the different types of AVMSs, their activities and functions, and the issues affecting their efficiency.

### [Article 36: Newsletter #1 - April 2013](#)

[Article 36](#) is a UK-based organisation that works to prevent the unintended, unnecessary and unacceptable harm caused by certain weapons. It undertakes research, policy and advocacy and promotes civil society partnerships to respond to harm caused by existing weapons and to build a stronger framework to prevent harm as weapons are used or developed in the future.

## ARMS TRADE

### [ATT reports](#)

On April 2, 2013, the United Nations General Assembly voted to approve an Arms Trade Treaty, after the Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty was unable to reach consensus. Three countries (North Korea, Iran and Syria) voted against it and 23 countries abstained, including Russia and China, two of the world's leading arms sellers. However, the treaty was mostly acclaimed as a pioneering treaty as it will create binding obligations to ensure that weapons will not be used to perpetuate human rights or humanitarian law violations. To learn more:

### [Draft decision](#)

### [UN General Assembly approves global arms trade treaty \(UN News Centre\)](#)

### [U.N. Treaty Is First Aimed at Regulating Global Arms Sales \(Neil MacFarquhar, The NYTimes\)](#)

### [Control Arms Campaign](#)

For a critical view:

### [Arms Trade Treaty could legitimise arms sales \(Campaign Against Arms Trade\)](#)

### Non-Proliferation Treaty Review, PREPCOM

22 April to 3 May 2013 - The states parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) meet every five years at a Review Conference (or RevCon) to assess the implementation of the treaty. There is a Preparatory Committee (or PrepCom) conference that meets for two weeks in the three years leading up to the Review Conference. After Vienna in 2012, states parties will meet in Geneva in 2013. The NPT is the only multilateral treaty that contains a binding commitment to nuclear disarmament. See also: [Joint programmes at NPT PrepCom: IPB - IALANA - INES](#) and [International Day of Action on Nuclear Disarmament](#).

## NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

### IPU decides on topic for 2014: "Towards a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World: The Contribution of Parliaments"

March 2013 - Nearly 1000 parliamentarians from approximately 150 parliaments, meeting at the 128th Assembly of the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) in Quito, Ecuador from March 22-27, agreed to the recommendation of the IPU Standing Committee on Peace and International Security for the topic "*Towards a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World: The Contribution of Parliaments*" to be a focus of the 130th IPU Assembly in 2014.

### Abolition 2000: Register now, come to Scotland!

March 2013 – The Abolition 2000 is holding its Annual General Meeting on 17-19 April 2013. Scotland was chosen as a venue to demonstrate international solidarity and support for the Scottish Parliament and people's anti-nuclear campaign and for the global campaign for nuclear abolition. They have expressed their opposition to nuclear weapons, specifically to the United Kingdom's basing its entire nuclear arsenal there. Register [here](#).

### Invitation to 2013 World Conference against A and H Bombs, Hiroshima and Nagasaki (Gensuikyo)

The Japan Council against Atomic & Hydrogen Bombs (Gensuikyo) will soon commemorate the 68th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. And in these two A-bombed cities, Gensuikyo is convening the 2013 World Conference against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs on August 3 to 9, under the theme: "*For a Nuclear Weapon-free, Peaceful and Just World*".

### Gensuikyo's Letter to the Heads of the Five Nuclear Weapon States

April 2013 - The Japan Council against A and H Bombs (Gensuikyo) addressed a letter to the 5 nuclear weapon states in the hope that the P5 will take initiatives to achieve an agreement for a total ban on nuclear weapons at the forthcoming Second NPT PrepCom or at the sessions of the UNGA and of the UN Security Council. They

visited the embassies of the P5 in Tokyo on April 5, 8 and 9 and handed it over to them.

### [Nuclear War, Nuclear Winter, Global Climate Change & Nuclear War Induced Famine - NEW SITE](#)

This new site aims at educate people about the dangers of deadly climate change if a nuclear war were to take place. For instance, it shows how utterly devastated the environment, climate, ecosystems and people would be if only 1% of the nuclear weapons currently ready for use were detonated in large cities.

### [New IKV Pax Christi publication on the eve of the Non Proliferation Disarmament Initiative Foreign Ministerial Meeting](#)

IKV Pax Christi released a policy brief directed towards the Non Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI) which aim is to take forward the Action Plan of the 2010 NPT Review Conference. This paper examines the composition of the NPDI and assesses some of the contributions made to date. It puts forward recommendations for the April NPT 2013 meeting.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### [War Resisters' International's Countering the Militarisation of Youth project - Day of Action 14 June 2013](#)

War Resisters' International is coordinating an international day of action For Military-Free Education and Research, which will take place on 14 June 2013. The day will be based on the September 2012 week of action in Germany, which was supported by over one hundred groups and organisations. If you are interested in taking part in this action, email [owen@wri-irg.org](mailto:owen@wri-irg.org).

## RESOURCES

### [New SIPRI publication on the future of the Chemical Weapons Convention](#)

In the report *The Future of the Chemical Weapons Convention: Policy and Planning Aspects*, Dr Mohamed Daoudi presents proposals for strategic approaches and directions for the states parties to the CWC to consider. By placing the convention in a broader security and technological context, it examines operational and policy issues, with a view to informing the future activities of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

### [Useful teaching resource - for D for D](#)

The War Resisters League produced a variety of tools and resources to support grassroots organizing against wars abroad and at home. It aims at building and expanding the organizing of campaigns.

### [Interactive guide on small arms and light weapons now online](#)

March 13, 2013 – The Bonn International Center for Conversion in cooperation with the *Bundeswehr Verification Center* has developed an online small arms and light weapons guide. Financially supported by the German Federal Foreign Office the Guide has a wide range of potential uses. It can be a tool for arms control and disarmament experts but it can also help supporting people in their efforts to prevent, fight and eliminate the illicit trade in SALW.

### [International Network on Explosive weapons - Bulletin](#)

March 2013 – The International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW) is an NGO partnership calling for immediate action to prevent human suffering from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas. It calls on states to face up to this issue, to meet the needs of victims and to develop stronger international instruments.

### [New Book: Crossing the Line: Nonviolent Resisters Speak Out for Peace by Rosalie G. Riegler](#)

*Crossing the line* gives voice to more than sixty-five peacemakers who engaged in civil disobedience to oppose the war. It provides provocative stories of actions, trials and imprisonment and highlights often neglected social history.

## IPB's MAKING PEACE EXHIBITION

### Latest news

Please note that the opening of IPB's photo-exhibition Making Peace in Utrecht will take place on Sunday 5 May and will remain on show until 28 July. Those present will be Prime Minister Rutte, Aleid Wolfsen, Mayor of Utrecht together with Colin Archer, IPB Secretary-General and Making Peace curator Ashley Woods. For more detail go to: <http://bit.ly/14qqZvf>

Making Peace in Utrecht is being presented as part of the 300th anniversary of the Treaty of Utrecht: a series of individual peace treaties, rather than a single document, signed by the belligerents in the War of the Spanish Succession (1701–1714) on 11 April 1713.

Talks to present Making Peace in Manchester, Berlin, Paris and Sarajevo in 2014 as part of WW1 commemorations in Europe are advancing nicely. Potential partners include Reporters Without Borders (RSF), Peace and Sport and the Mines Advisory Group (MAG).

Making Peace will also be shown at the Nobel Museum Stockholm from June - November 2013.

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