

# International Peace Bureau



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## INTRODUCING IPB

The International Peace Bureau is a non-profit association founded in 1891, and as such it is the oldest international peace organization in the world. It is 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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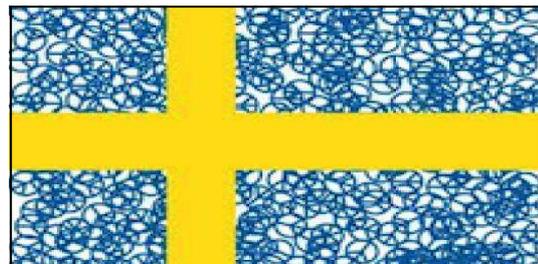
## [IPB AWARDS THE SEAN MACBRIDE PEACE PRIZE TO AMERICAN WHISTLEBLOWER BRADLEY MANNING](#)



July 19, 2013—The International Peace Bureau is delighted to announce that this year's Sean MacBride Peace Prize is to be awarded to Bradley Manning, the US whistleblower whose case has attracted worldwide attention and whose trial is likely to be concluded in the coming days.

Manning was arrested in May 2010 after allegedly leaking more than 250 000 U.S. diplomatic cables, 400 000 U.S. Army reports about Iraq and another 90 000 about Afghanistan, as well as the material used in the « Collateral Murder » video produced by Wikileaks.

## [IPB TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE IN STOCKHOLM, SEPTEMBER 13-](#)



June 20, 2013—Every three years IPB holds a special meeting to bring together its members and supporters and to discuss the challenges facing peace movements in an unstable and over-militarised world. This year's gathering (September 13-15) will focus on 2 themes: MILITARY INTERVENTION and MONEY AND MINDS (the costs of war).

Speakers include Jody Williams (Nobel laureate 1997) and Terumi Tanaka (Hiroshima survivors' organisation).

# DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

## MILITARY SPENDING

### Worldwide

#### [UN SEEKING TO FILL 8.6\\$ BILLION EMERGENCY FUNDING GAP FOR 2013](#)

By UN News Centre

July 17, 2013—In order to successfully support the millions of people around the world who need safe drinking water, feeding their families and treating malnourished children, the UN needs to raise another \$8.6 billion by the end of the year. Among others, this money would be distributed to the countries of Syria, Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Chad, DRC, Niger, Yemen and Sudan.

### Israel

#### [ISRAEL PLANS MILITARY 'REVOLUTION' TO FACE NEW REGIONAL THREAT](#)

By Jonathan Marcus, BBC Defence Correspondent

July 13, 2013—Changes to the Israeli military will result in a leaner, meaner fighting force in the next 5 years. Referred to as a « revolution » in Israeli military affairs, the changes are partially in response to growing public pressure to reduce military spending. The Israeli government also posits that the updates will make the military more effective at combatting non-state threats that are prevalent throughout the region.

### United States

#### [THINK TANK IDENTIFIES \\$22 BILLION IN PENTAGON SAVINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014](#)

By The Project on Defense Alternatives, Center for International Policy

June 26, 2013—The Project on Defense Alternatives, as part of the *Defense Sense* Report, outlines 16 recommendations that would achieve 22 billion USD in national security expense savings. The recommendations focus on implementing more cost-effective alternatives to current methods, including reworking programs plagued by consistent problems (cost overruns, shortfalls in capabilities, etc.)

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#### [HOUSE VOTES TO KEEP INCREASED SPENDING ON 'UNNEEDED AND UNWANTED' NUCLEAR BOMBS](#)

By Eric W. Dolan

July 10, 2013—“There is no reason we should spend more and more taxpayer dollars on programs that are not even needed or wanted by our NATO allies.” The Republican-led House of Representatives recently voted to reject rolling back spending on B61 nuclear bombs, despite the government already supplying more money than requested to the B61 nuclear weapons program.

### Turkey

#### [TURKEY REDEFINES ARMED FORCES' DUTY, FURTHER ROLLING BACK POWERS TO INTERVENE](#)

By The Associated Press

July 13, 2013— “The generals have in the past pointed to an internal military regulation that stipulated the army’s duty as watching over and protecting the Turkish Republic, to justify army takeovers or stepping in whenever they felt uneasy over civilian leaders’ policies. In a midnight vote Friday, legislators voted to redefine the military’s duty as: « defending the Turkish homeland against external threats and dangers, and maintaining and strengthening military powers to ensure deterrence. »“

# DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

## IMPACTS OF WEAPONS ON DEVELOPMENT

### [LIBYA FACES SHORTAGE OF FUNDS TO CLEAR LAND MINES LEFT FROM REVOLUTION](#)

By United Press International

July 8, 2013—The Libyan reconstruction efforts, primarily concerning de-mining territory, are hindered due to a 18.5 billion USD shortage of funds. Just over 750 000 explosive remnants of the war have already been cleared, but a continued effort is needed to ensure the safety of the Libyan people.

## ARMS TRADE

### [KEEP THE PRESSURE ON: NEXT STEPS FOR ATT CAMPAIGNING](#)

By Control Arms

July 1, 2013—The Arms Trade Treaty was successfully signed on June 3rd by 75 countries all across the world, but the work is not done yet. Greater pressure must be put on non-signatory countries to become part of this historic treaty. The Control Arms Coalition outlines 3 easy actions to take in the next phase of the treaty: contact your government and either congratulate them on signing the treaty, request they sign the treaty, and outline the reasons why (provided by the Secretariat).

# NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

### [U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS CALLS FOR U.S. LEADERSHIP IN GLOBAL ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS](#)

By U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

June 26, 2013—On June 24th, 2013, the U.S. Conference of Mayors unanimously passed a resolution calling for renewed efforts towards eliminating nuclear weapons as well as redirecting exorbitant American military spending towards domestic initiatives.

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### [PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2012](#)

By Global Security Institute

July 1, 2013—This annual report outlines the work and activities of the PNND in the last year, primarily concerning the nuclear test ban, humanitarian consequences, nuclear weapon-free zones, nuclear doctrine, economic dimensions, NPT Prepcom, PNND Annual Assembly, and the IPU Assemblies.

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### [FY14 NNSA BUDGET: SCARCE RESOURCES DEVOTED TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS](#)

By Eryn MacDonald, analyst with the Union of Concerned Scientists

June 24, 2013—In the face of declining or stagnant budgets for American government programs, President Obama requests 11.65 billion USD for the NNSA department (National Nuclear Security Administration). The majority of these funds, however, would go towards modernizing and maintaining weapons activities, and nonproliferation programs would actually see a substantial cut in funding.

# NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

## [OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY SUPPORTS NEW UN PROCESS FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT](#)

By The PNND

July 3, 2013—The Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe has agreed to support the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Nuclear Disarmament Negotiations, a group designed to break the 17-year nuclear negotiation deadlock.

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## [THE EXPLOSIVE COSTS OF DISPOSING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS](#)

By Walter Pinkus, The Washington Post

July 4, 2013— « Costs can explode like fireworks when it comes to nuclear weapons disposal. For example it could cost more money and take longer to get rid of just 37.5 tons of excess, weapons-grade plutonium than it did for the Manhattan Project to produce the atomic bombs that ended World War II. » -Walter Pinkus

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## [CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT LAUNCHES 'REAL ALTERNATIVE' REPORT](#)

By The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (UK)

July 12, 2013—The UK government's review of alternative options to Trident is inadequate and inaccurate, according to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. This report criticizes the narrow-mindedness of the government's findings and proposes alternative avenues. Primarily, the pathway of non-replacement must be considered more seriously in any discussions about Trident.

# RESOURCES

## [SMALL ARMS SURVEY YEARBOOK 2013 RELEASED](#)

By The Small Arms Survey

July 1, 2013—Prepared by the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, this survey provides a comprehensive overview of the prevalence, trends and consequences of violence in societies today. The 2013 survey also provides illustrative examples of the varying types of violence by examining the cases of Nicaragua, Italy, South Africa, Mexico and the Philippines.

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## [DISARMAMENT TIMES, SUMMER 2013](#)

By Allison Pytlak and Elizabeth Kirkham, NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security

July 8, 2013—"With the [Arms Trade Treaty] the world has decided to finally put an end to the "free-for-all" nature of international weapons transfers" - Ban Ki-Moon  
The NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security provides this excellent resource discussing the recent passing of the Arms Trade Treaty, including discussing

# MISCELLANEOUS

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY SETS UP A NEW UN FORUM TO BOOST SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

By Department of Public Information, United Nations New York

July 9, 2013—"Establishing the Forum marks a major step forward in implementing 'The Future We Want'," said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. "The Forum can provide the political leadership and action-oriented recommendations we need to follow up on all the Rio recommendations and meet urgent global economic, social and environmental challenges. "Countries must do their utmost to realize the Forum's potential."

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## IPB JOINS THE CAMPAIGN TO STOP KILLER ROBOTS JOINS FORCES

June 27, 2013— IPB has officially endorsed the message of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. This is an organization made of 33 NGOs that seeks to ban fully autonomous weapons. Please consider getting involved in this very important cause.



# 'MAKING PEACE' EXHIBITION

## MAKING PEACE EXHIBITION: LATEST NEWS

By Ashley Woods

July 22, 2013—Due to large public interest, *Making Peace* will now remain on show at the [Utrecht Peace Festival \(NL\)](#) until 21 September. At the same time the exhibition is on show at the [Nobel Museum, Stockholm \(SE\)](#) until 17 November. In relation to next year's centenary of the First World War, plans are also fully under way to present Making Peace in the UK (Manchester & London), France (Strasbourg) and Bosnia Herzegovina (Sarajevo). The Sarajevo commemorations of the First World War will be put on by various peace organizations and will be reflective of both the soldiers of the war as well as the pacifists.

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