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*The Calendar is available as a separate document*

## 1. NOBEL-CENTENARY CONFERENCE IN OSLO

### **Nobel-Centenary Conference (Oslo, 23-26 Sept) gives new energy to the IPB community**

The participants came from all continents and all sectors of the peace movement. The celebrations were varied too: from a youth seminar and two evening concerts to the MacBride prize ceremony at the Nobel Centre; from a Nordic meeting of activists at the UN Association offices to formal sessions of the Assembly and Council at the Nobel Institute; and in between two full days of conference on the theme 'A *Climate of Peace*' at the Literature House. All the feedback received has been positive - the feeling of 'new energy for the challenges ahead' was widespread. We will post in the 'Oslo' section of the IPB website ([www.ipb.org](http://www.ipb.org)) the reports and conference speeches as they come in. >> You can find a fine range of photos at:

<http://gallery.me.com/alexanderharang#100211&bgcolor=black&view=grid>

### **IPB elects Co-Presidents**

At the end of the four-day conference in Oslo where the International Peace Bureau celebrated the centenary of its Nobel Peace Prize, the IPB for the very first time elected one woman and one man to jointly head the organization for the coming three years. This was considered an innovative way of meeting the many challenges confronting the organization. It is also the first time that a Norwegian is elected President of IPB. Ingeborg Breines, Director of the Nordland Academy for Arts and Sciences in Northern Norway and a former UNESCO director, is sharing the presidency with Tomas Magnusson, a former journalist and director of the Swedish humanitarian organization GI.

>> Photos and press release at <http://www.ipb.org>

### **IPB Assembly elects new Board and Council**

At the IPB Assembly held in Oslo on Sept 26 a new set of Officers, Steering Committee and Regional Representatives were elected. The governance structure is now as follows:

*OFFICERS* = Co-Presidents, Treasurer + 6 Vice-Presidents (total 9 persons)

*BOARD* = IPB Officers + Steering Committee (total 19 persons)

*COUNCIL* = Board + Regional Representatives (total 39 persons)

>>See [RESULTS CHART](#) for full details.

## 2. DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

*In 2005 IPB launched a major new programme, designed to reflect widespread public concern at the rapid rise in global military spending (totalling \$1531 billion in 2009); and the evidence that weapons -- such as small arms, cluster bombs, landmines -- seriously impede sustainable development.*

### A. MILITARY SPENDING

#### **GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION ON MILITARY SPENDING: JUNE 2011**

Because of the global economic crisis, governments are even beginning to talk about cutting military spending. But they won't make these cuts unless we pressure them to do so. During the **Global Day of Action on Military Spending**, people all over the world will join together in actions to focus public, political, and media attention on the costs of military spending and the need for new priorities. Exact date to be announced.

We would like you/your organization to join us by (co-)sponsoring an event in your city (a whole range of actions is possible: from street theatre/demonstrations and erecting banners to seminars, signature collection and much more). **Please write to us if you are interested in participating.**

>> See <http://ipb.org/i/pdf-files/GDAMSpending-Letter-17-Sept.pdf>

#### **Promoting Openness and Transparency in Military Matters**

*By United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)*

October, 20th — States established the United Nations Standardized Instrument for Reporting Military Expenditures in 1981 with the goals of promoting transparency in military expenditure worldwide and balanced, mutual reductions in military expenditure. But only a minority of States report in any given year and only a few States consistently report every year. So, in 2010-2011, a United Nations Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) will review the operation of the Instrument and its further development. This paper seeks to contribute to this review by analysing the pattern of responses and non-responses to the Instrument and the possible reasons for this rather low response rate. In addition, this paper contains proposals to improve the Instrument, make it more relevant to developing States and promote a higher response rate.

>> See <http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/ODAPublications/OccasionalPapers/PDF/OP20.pdf>

#### **Khartoum regime prepares for war, increases military budget**

*From World Tribune*

September, 17<sup>th</sup> — The Sudan Defence and Security Report asserted that the Khartoum regime would raise the government's defence budget. The first increase would take place in 2011, when Khartoum's defense budget would rise to \$2.44 billion amid the prospect of another civil war with the south.

>> See [http://www.worldtribune.com/worldtribune/WTARC/2010/af\\_sudan0910\\_09\\_17.asp#](http://www.worldtribune.com/worldtribune/WTARC/2010/af_sudan0910_09_17.asp#)

#### **WILPF Statement on the UN Summit on the Millennium Development Goals**

*From Women's International League for Peace and Freedom*

September, 20<sup>th</sup> — The 2010 MDG Report, produced by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, notes that "unmet commitments, inadequate resources, lack of focus and accountability, and insufficient dedication to sustainable development have created shortfalls in many areas". However, this crisis has little effect on levels of military expenditure, arms production or arms transfers. The WILPF calls on all governments to reduce military spending and redirect that expenditure to meet human and environmental needs, including fulfilling the MDGs.

>> See <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/statements/MDG2010.html>

#### **Arms Down E-Newsletter**

*From Religions for Peace*

August-October — The Arms Down! Campaign for Shared Security, led by youth from the world's major religions, works to engage religious leaders and believers around the world to unleash the power of multi-religious cooperation through shared action. Through education, mobilization and advocacy, the campaign is advancing shared security by working to reduce nuclear and conventional weapons and to reallocate military spending to support urgently needed development, as set forth in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Newsletter shows the most recent actions that the campaign has undertaken: workshops to raise awareness about the effects of conventional weapons (Congo), meetings among different religious, ethnic, social

communities (Nepal), festivals (Pakistan, France), pledging signatures to support the Campaign (Philippines, Bolivia), use of media (Costa Rica), conferences (Venezuela), etc.

>> See <http://religionsforpeace.org/news/newsletters/arms-down-newsletter-4.pdf>

### **UK budget debate: David Cameron moves to reassure Liam Fox over defence cuts**

*By James Kirkup and Thomas Harding*

September, 30<sup>th</sup> — Defence Secretary Liam Fox warned in a leaked letter to the Prime Minister that the current strategic defence and security review (SDSR) was looking "less and less defensible" and could have "grave consequences" for the Conservative Party and the Government. But, Mr Cameron insisted that while the armed forces faced "difficult decisions", there was no basis for Dr Fox's concerns.

>> See <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/politics/defence/8034652/David-Cameron-moves-to-reassure-Liam-Fox-over-defence-cuts.html>

### **Ciberactua: a cyberaction to demand a reduction in military spending**

*From Justice and Peace Barcelona*

Send an e-mail to the President José Luís Rodrigo Zapatero to request a reduction of the Spanish public deficit by cutting military spending instead of the social budget.

>> See <http://www.ciberactua.net/>

### **Los Alamos Study Group's new Bulletin (98)**

September, 28<sup>th</sup> — This important new bulletin includes headings like: Administration admits environmental analysis of Lawrence Livermore weapons facility is insufficient; Other new, useful resources regarding the proposed Nuclear Facility; Estimated Nuclear Facility costs now exceed \$5.5 B; The White House seeks an emergency nuclear weapons spending increase to cover unexpected costs and buy Republican votes; The White House announces it will seek even greater nuclear weapons spending than before, will revise "Section 1251 report" in the fall; etc.

>> See <http://www.lasg.org/ActionAlerts/Bulletin98.html>

### **US budget battle - DoD Must Share The Pain**

*By William D. Hartung*

October, 6<sup>th</sup> — The battle of the budget has been fully joined by the ideologues of the Democrats and Republicans this week. On the right, they argue that the defense budget must not pay for the deficit. On the left, we bring you the views of William Hartung that has aimed high, for almost \$1 trillion in cuts. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has acknowledged that the spigot is now closing on the kinds of hefty Pentagon spending increases that have been taken for granted since 2001. But cutting the deficit without reducing Pentagon spending is unrealistic from both a budgetary and a strategic perspective. As for the strategic front, a recent report by the Sustainable Defense Task Force (of which the author is a member) has demonstrated that savings of nearly \$1 trillion in Pentagon spending can be achieved over the next decade without diminishing our security.

>> See <http://www.dodbuzz.com/2010/10/06/dod-must-share-the-pain/>

## **B IMPACTS OF WEAPONS ON DEVELOPMENT**

### **IRAQ a country of orphans**

*From Azzaman*

One in every six Iraqis is an orphan. The statistics point to dangerous demographics with grave social, health and economic consequences for a country which still lacks basic infrastructure.

>> See <http://www.azzaman.com/english/index.asp?fname=news/2010-09-13/kurd.htm>

### **Small arms issues at UN General Assembly First Committee on Disarmament and International Security: 4 October - 1 November 2010**

*From Reaching Critical Will*

The General Assembly's work on disarmament is conducted through one of its main committees, the First Committee on Disarmament and International Security. The First Committee provides space for each state to discuss their positions on disarmament-related matters, to build consensus on the issues or highlight divergences, and to table and adopt non-binding resolutions. Of course, the First Committee often fails to make good use of its

potential, but it provides one of the best opportunities for outreach, education, and advocacy efforts on disarmament and non-proliferation issues.

>> See <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/political/1com/1com10.html>

### **Disinvestment campaigners track success at Amsterdam workshop**

October, 8<sup>th</sup> — Twenty campaigners active on disinvestment from around the world met in Amsterdam on 4-5 October to gain technical knowledge, share campaign successes and challenges, and carry out strategic planning for 2011. The Cluster Munitions Coalition (CMC) and CMC members IKV Pax Christi and Netwerk Vlaanderen hosted the workshop nearly a year after launching the “Stop Explosive Investments” campaign to end investments in companies that produce cluster munitions.

>> See <http://www.stopclustermunitions.org/news/?id=2678>

>> See <http://www.stopexplosiveinvestments.org/news/12/59/Disinvestment-campaigners-track-success-at-Amsterdam-workshop>

>> To view photos of the event visit:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/clustermunitioncoalition/sets/72157624994488265/>

## **3. NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT**

### **NATO Document Addresses Nuclear Disarmament**

*By Judy Dempsey*

September, 30<sup>th</sup> — Two months before what could be the most important NATO summit meeting in more than a decade, the 28 member states of the alliance have received a draft of its new strategic concept, which for the first time, at the insistence of Germany and other countries, includes calls for nuclear disarmament. Mr. Obama’s call 18 months ago for complete nuclear disarmament is playing a key part in the NATO deliberations, according to diplomats, arms experts and national officials.

>> See <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/01/world/europe/01iht-nato.html>

### **Britain and France may share nuclear deterrent**

*From The Independent*

September, 30<sup>th</sup> — The possibility of a "shared" UK-French nuclear deterrent is set to be on the agenda of a summit between David Cameron and Nicolas Sarkozy in London this autumn. Although talks are still at a preliminary stage, officials in Paris say that the idea is one possibility for cost-saving military co-operation which is likely to be discussed by the Prime Minister and the President at the annual Franco-British summit in London in early November.

>> See <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/politics/britain-and-france-may-share-nuclear-deterrent-2093539.html>

### **NNSA promises "supplemental" environmental analysis for massive Los Alamos plutonium facility**

*From Los Alamos Study Group*

October, 1<sup>st</sup> — Today the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to produce a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for a proposed massive (and extremely costly) plutonium facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). This facility, the primary purpose of which is to facilitate large-scale production of additional plutonium warhead cores ("pits") for new kinds of nuclear warheads, is called the "Nuclear Facility," which is short for "Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement Nuclear Facility (or, sometimes, CMRR-NF).

>> See: [http://www.lasg.org/press/2010/press\\_release\\_CMRR\\_1Oct2010.html](http://www.lasg.org/press/2010/press_release_CMRR_1Oct2010.html)

## **4. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **New IPB Co-Presidents comment on the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize**

*By Ingeborg Breines and Tomas Magnusson*

October, 8<sup>th</sup> — This year’s Nobel Peace Prize, awarded to Chinese human rights activist Liu Xiaobo, illustrates once again the dilemma faced by the Nobel Committee, and all commentators, in interpreting the meaning of ‘peace’ in our era. It is true that no sustainable peace can be achieved at the national level without full respect for human rights and democratic participation in decision-making. In this sense we applaud the decision of the Norwegian Nobel Committee to shine a spotlight, not only on Liu Xiaobo and his Charter 08 movement, but on

human rights defenders all over the world. On the other hand, international peace cannot be achieved without mutual respect, including between nations. There is a risk that the award of this prize, to a person who may be regarded as a hero by western governments and analysts, and as a criminal by the Chinese government, will exacerbate tensions between states...

>> See <http://ipb.org/i/pdf-files/IPB-comment-2010-Nobel-Peace-Prize.pdf>

### **IPB exhibition in action – ‘Making Peace’ promotional video - now on You Tube!**

September — The exhibition 'Making Peace' that took place on June 6th in Geneva is now visible on You Tube. The clip was shown at the Nobel Centre in Oslo at the opening ceremony of the IPB's centenary conference.

>> See [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpMQ\\_6ownxo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpMQ_6ownxo)

### **A Peace Movement Victory in Court**

*By John Dear*

September 8<sup>th</sup> — Fourteen anti-war activists may have made history in a Las Vegas courtroom when they turned a misdemeanor trespassing trial into a possible referendum on America's newfound taste for remote-controlled warfare:

>> See <http://www.commondreams.org/view/2010/09/18-0>

### **Insurance Firms Plan Private Navy to Fight Pirates**

*From The Independent*

September, 28<sup>th</sup> — Insurers have drawn up plans for the world's first private navy to try to turn the tide against Somali pirates. A leading London insurer is pushing ahead with radical proposals to create a private fleet of about 20 patrol boats crewed by armed guards to bolster the international military presence off the Somali coast. They would act as escorts and fast-response vessels for shipping passing through the Suez Canal and the Indian Ocean.

>> See <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/insurance-firms-plan-private-navy-to-take-on-somali-pirates-2091298.html>

### **Iraq + Iran civil society commemorate 30 years since the war - "Friendship Boat" event**

*From Tehran Peace Museum*

September, 27<sup>th</sup> — Iranian and Iraqi youth were the stars at a 24 September ceremony to celebrate peace between their countries. With a whole generation of orphans wishing to prevent future conflicts, the focus on children at the recent celebration of peace was most appropriate. This week's ceremony was rich with symbolism. The participating youth met at the Shalamcheh border crossing, where the heaviest battle of the Iran-Iraq war took place in 1987. They then boarded the "Friendship Boat" anchored midway on Arvand River.

>> To view photos of the event visit: <http://mrzine.monthlyreview.org/2010/friendship280910.html>

### **Nobel laureate Mairead Maguire 10 year deportation from Israel**

*From Permanent Secretariat of Nobel Peace Laureates Summits*

October, 8<sup>th</sup> — Mairead Maguire was deported from Israel at 4 a.m., on Tuesday 5th October, 2010 and arrived back in Belfast later that afternoon. Maguire had arrived in Israel on Tuesday 27th September, to attend a Nobel Women's Initiative visit, and support those working in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories - particularly women groups – for human rights and justice.

>> See <http://www.nobelforpeace-summits.org/mairead-maguire-10-year-deportation-from-israel/>

### **The Economist urges arms control to counter threat from the internet /Cyberwar**

*From The Economist (major feature)*

July, 1st — The spread of digital technology comes at a cost: it exposes armies and societies to digital attack. big countries should start talking about how to reduce the threat from cyberwar, the aim being to restrict attacks before it is too late. It is time for countries to start talking about arms control on the internet.

>> See [http://www.economist.com/node/16481504?story\\_id=16481504](http://www.economist.com/node/16481504?story_id=16481504)

## 5. RESOURCES

### **The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook, Volume 34 (Part II): 2009 is now available**

*From The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)*

October — The Yearbook summarizes developments and trends in 2009 on key issues of multilateral consideration at the international and regional levels; reviews the activities of the General Assembly, the Conference on Disarmament and the Disarmament Commission and, finally, it contains a timeline that highlights events in multilateral disarmament in 2009.

>> See <http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/ODAPublications/Yearbook/2009/PDF/DY2009-PartII-web.pdf>

### **Civil Society and Disarmament 2010**

*By United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)*

October, 20th — Statements by representatives of 15 civil society organizations including Nobel Peace Laureate, Jody Williams, delivered during the NGO segment of the 2010 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. The presentations highlight the challenges for a Nuclear Weapons-Free future.

>>See <http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/ODAPublications/CivilSocietyAndDisarmament/2010/>

### **An Unrecognized Loss - Message From Hiroshima**

*By United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)*

October, 20th — "An Unrecognized Loss - Message from Hiroshima" showcases images of life in Hiroshima before it was bombed. The film is about the day-to-day life and culture of Hiroshima, a side of the tragedy that has never been addressed in such detail. It was created by the Hiroshima Reconstruction Project, which is committed to spreading the non-nuclear message through a powerful story-telling technique that uses the latest, digital image technology. Its theme is the enormity of loss caused by the Atomic Bomb.

>>See <http://www.un.org/disarmament/special/movies/anunrecognizedloss/>

>>See <http://peace3d.org/>

### **16 Days Campaign - Take Action Kit available**

*From Center for Women's Global Leadership*

October, 20th — The Take Action Kit for this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign (November 25 - December 10) is now available online in English, French and Spanish. The 2010 international campaign theme will focus on the intersections of militarism and violence against women. The kit includes information on how to join activists around the world in the November 29th Global Day of Action and how to plan your own activities. For a hard copy of the kit, please write to [16days@cwgl.rutgers.edu](mailto:16days@cwgl.rutgers.edu) and provide your postal address and language preference.

>>To download the materials, see: <http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/16days/kit10/kit.html>

### **New ICBUW report on depleted uranium**

*From International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons*

October, 11<sup>th</sup> — A report examining user transparency, the capacity of states to manage depleted uranium contamination and the development of health studies, seen through the experiences of Bosnia, Serbia and Kosovo.

>> See <http://www.bandepleteduranium.org/en/docs/134.pdf>

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