

Disarmament for Development

Secretariat: **International Peace Bureau**

The oldest international peace federation, IPB received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1910. Dedicated to the vision of a World Without War, it has today some 300 member organisations in 70 countries, and many individual members.

IPB and Peace Boat have special consultative status with the United Nations

Global Article 9 Campaign

Secretariat: **Peace Boat**

Peace Boat is a Japan-based NGO that promotes peace, human rights, equal and sustainable development and respect for the environment through global educational programs, cooperative projects and advocacy activities.

Main campaign activities

- publishing and distributing campaign resources and material on 'D for D'
- stimulating awareness raising and education among grassroots communities, through conferences, exhibitions, etc.
- promoting national networks which link field workers, advocates and experts
- spreading the "No Military, No War" message around the world through ship voyages and activities with partner NGOs in each country visited
- creating awareness and action based on effecting positive social and political change through global educational programs, cooperative projects and advocacy activities

How to get involved

- join our global network by registering through IPB's secretariat
- share information on your activities regarding development and the impact of the military
- advocate the adoption of peace legislation by city and national parliaments
- take part in Peace Boat's cultural and public education events

Calling for support from

- peace movements
- development agencies
- intergovernmental organisations
- governments and local authorities
- think-tanks, economists, scientific, law and environment specialists....
-political parties and MPs
- women's movements
- religious bodies
- youth and students organisations
- trade unions...

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DISARM TO DEVELOP

Joint campaign and appeal for support :

for a global shift from military power to promotion of peace through peaceful means

ABOLISH WAR



SUSTAINABLE DISARMAMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

In 2005 the International Peace Bureau (IPB) set in motion a major programme focussing on the relationship between disarmament and development. It aims at shifting the priorities in the use of public and private resources, from investment in the military to investment in health, education and sustainable development. It also seeks to demonstrate, and help alleviate, the negative impact on development of militarization and the use of certain types of weapons.

Over-armament leads to under-development

Global military spending has almost doubled over the past ten years, exceeding \$1,300 billion in 2007*, and this trend is reflected in parallel increases in arms production and trade. On the other hand, Overseas Development Aid is stagnating at around \$100 billion a year, or only 0.3% of the rich countries' GNP. The imbalance in the allocation of resources could hardly be more evident.

Investing more in development would however make little sense if no real progress is made on disarmament, as the use of weapons such as small arms, landmines and depleted uranium munitions, directly impacts poor communities in war zones.

The military response to current conflicts is failing to protect civilian populations against major threats. Development and environmental challenges require new solutions and increased resources. According to UN estimates, one-tenth of global military expenditures would suffice annually to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

First signed in 1945, Article 26 of the United Nations Charter requires member states *"to promote the establishment and maintenance of international peace and security with the least diversion for armaments of the world's human and economic resources."* Civil society must now lobby governments for its implementation.

IPB coordinates a worldwide network bringing together organisations and institutions which would benefit from reallocation of resources currently spent on the military. It also raises public awareness on all 'Disarmament for Development' issues.

* Stockholm International Peace Research Institute



Campaigning for human security, against militarism and war

Building a global civil society network

**Calling on governments to shift their priorities
from the military to development and peace promotion**



GLOBAL ARTICLE 9 CAMPAIGN TO ABOLISH WAR – Peace constitutions for every country –

Launched in 2005 with the support of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, this campaign seeks to encourage governments and the people of the world to work towards demilitarization and a culture of peace. Sponsored by a coalition of civil society organisations in Japan, the Campaign has received support from dozens of groups and thousands of individuals worldwide.

Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution renounces war and the threat or use of force as a means of settling international disputes. It also prohibits the maintenance of armed forces and other war potential. Although Japan has built a large army and has even become one of the world's top military spenders, this Article has prevented the country from conducting large-scale arms exports, building nuclear weapons and deploying troops for active combat abroad.

However, the US and the industrial sector are pushing for a constitutional revision. Even if a majority of the Japanese people are committed to preserving their peace Constitution, international support is crucial to protect Article 9 in Japan, while offering it as a model for other countries to adopt similar peace laws.

An international mechanism to promote peace and global stability

Article 9 expresses values shared by all those who believe peace cannot be built through violent means. Other countries like Costa Rica, Germany, Italy and more recently Ecuador and Bolivia, have banned the armed forces and/or the right to wage war. But some major powers still conduct belligerent operations, usually to secure their own economic interests and strategic influence.

The Global Article 9 Campaign advocates reductions in military spending, the promotion of nuclear-weapon-free zones, an end to violence against women, support for conflict prevention and mitigation of the negative environmental impact of the military.

When taken up by the international community, the principles of Article 9 will contribute to the UN's original purpose of abolishing war. This will be possible only if civil society unites to promote them at all levels.