

ECOSOC AMR Innovation Fair

Invitation: Side meeting Weds, July 4, '07, 13.00-14.45 Palais des Nations

WARFARE OR WELFARE ?

Armed conflict, disarmament and development

organized jointly by Peace Boat and International Peace Bureau

Speakers:

Yoshioka Tatsuya – Peace Boat, Japan

- will report on the Global Programme for the Prevention of Armed Conflict/NE Asia, and Article 9 Campaign Japan. New armament programmes in NE Asia related to possible abolishment of Article 9 of Japanese Constitution, the danger of it being abolished or changed, and the political/military motivation behind these proposals. How arms cuts can help fund budgets for social programmes, aid for developing countries etc.



Colin Archer – IPB, Switzerland

- will describe the IPB's Disarmament for Development campaign; links between military/armament and reduction of funds for economic/social development. Comparison of spending on the military and resources required for the MDGs. Recent developments in disarmament processes, dilemmas and successes. Importance of engaging both sustainable development and environment groups in this effort.

Jasna Bastic – journalist/Peace Boat

- will give personal testimony dealing with wars in Balkans and how war economy destroys resources and welfare of a country. How war creates long lasting poverty and economic disadvantages and who are war profiteers.

<http://www.un.org/ecosoc/innovfair/innovfair.shtml>

<http://www.peaceboat.org/english/index.html>

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