

REPORT OF IPB ACTIVITIES 2022- 2023

10-11 November 2023
Annual Council Meeting



Agenda

Disarmament for Sustainable
Development

Nuclear Disarmament

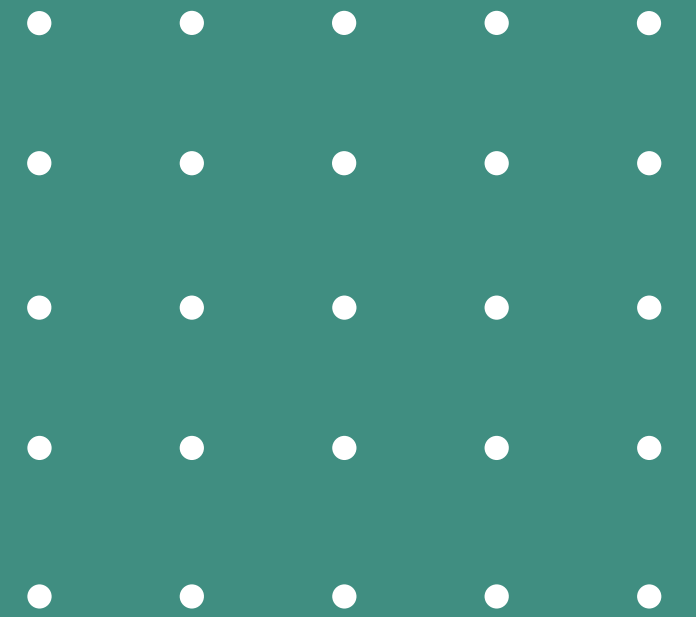
Common Security

Global Challenges and Peace

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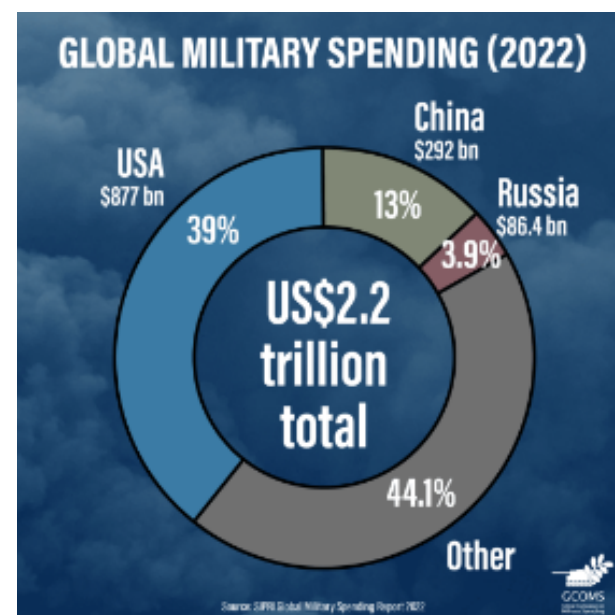
Disarmament for Sustainable Development



- **Global Campaign on Military Spending/
Global Days of Action
on Military Spending**
- **Further campaigns**



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Global Days of Action on Military Spending

APRIL 13 TO MAY 9, 2023

#WAR COSTS US THE EARTH CAMPAIGN

12th edition of the Global of Action on
Military Spending

- April 18: Tax Day in the USA
- April 22: Earth Day
- April 24: GDAMS press conferences and social media storm on the occasion of SIPRI's release of new data on military spending
- May 9: Europe's Day of Peace • Actions against the militarization of the EU



If I had 2 trillion \$,
I'd give a budget to:
**Ensure quality
education
for all**

GDAMS 2023
GLOBAL DAYS OF ACTION ON MILITARY SPENDING

#WarCostsUsTheEarth
@DemilitarizeDay

IPB's Global Campaign on
Military Spending - GDAMS



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Further Disarmament Related Work



Global Ban on
Weaponized Drones
Campaign

22 Aug 22



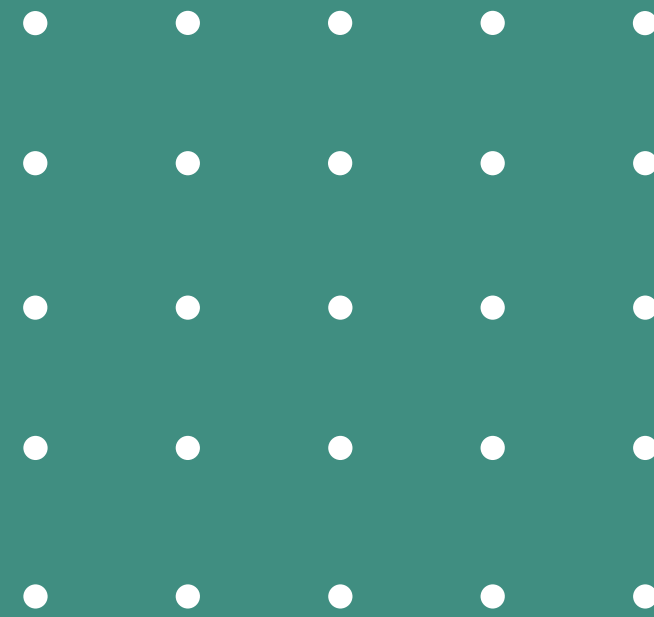
Big Tech Goes to War
(Publication)

Nov 2022



Military Spending in 2022
Shows the Precarity of the
Shifting Geopolitical
Landscape and the
Flawed Logic of Militarism

24 Apr 23



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Nuclear Disarmament

**Treaty on the Prohibition
of Nuclear Weapons
(TPNW), NPT Prepcom,
World Conference Against
A- and H- Bombs**



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2023 World Conference against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs and National Peace March



Aug 1 to Aug 9, Japan



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The NPT PrepCom 2023: IPB Side Events

Jul 31 - Aug 3, 2023

- Nuke Free Europe: Nuclear Sharing and Other Threats
- The Role of Nuclear Weapons in a Shifting Geopolitical Landscape
- Technology, Artificial Intelligence, and Nuclear Weapons



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Statements/ Publications / Events

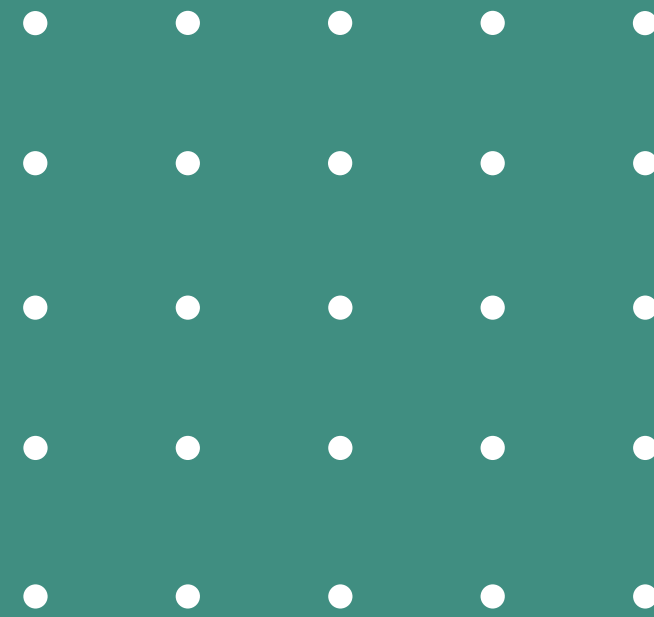
- Webinar - Nuke Free Europe invites Hans M. Kristensen: A review on the development of new Nuclear Weapons in Europe and the role of NPR
- 2-part Webinar - Increasing the Role of Nuclear Weapon-Free Zones in the Nuclear Disarmament Regime
- Support for CND statement Missiles on Poland: Restraint is Vital
- Webinar - Increasing the Role of Nuclear Weapon- Free Zones in the Nuclear Disarmament Regime



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Upcoming TPNW Participation

- November 28: Experts Discussion with Rosa Luxemburg NY Office
 - November 29: THE URGENCY OF DISARMAMENT with CPDCS, PANYS, others
 - November 30: TPNW-COP Activists Discussion + IPB
- Side events:
- Nuclear Weapons in Europe
 - Nuclear Weapons Free Zones
 - Further Conversations



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Common Security

IPB-IPU Webinar: Shaping a New Path for Peace- Common Security and Principles for Peace

Yes, peace is possible: Perspectives on
global & local applications of **Common
Security & Human Security** with IPU,
P4P, and WAAS



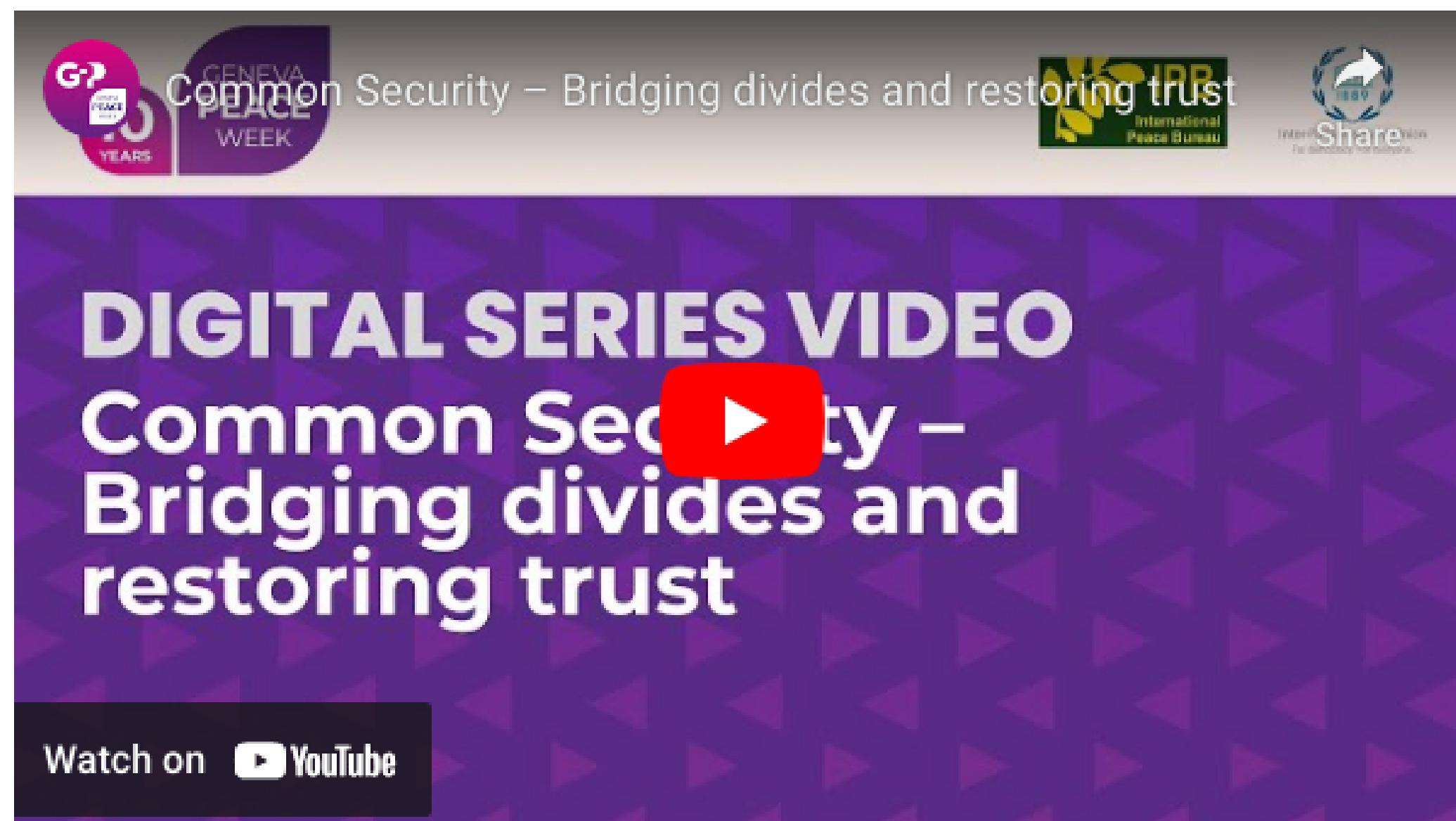


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Common Security: Bridging Divides and Restoring Trust

Geneva Peace Week 2023

Together with IPU brought together civil society, institution members, government officials, MPs, and anyone interested in building peaceful societies around the Common Security approach and its application to decision-making.





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Common Security Webinars

G20 Summit-Between Confrontation and Common Security

Discussed the critical analysis on the role of the G20 in the current political situation of wars worldwide.

New challenge for common security? The Saudi Arabia-Iran deal, Chinese strategic plans, and its geopolitical impact

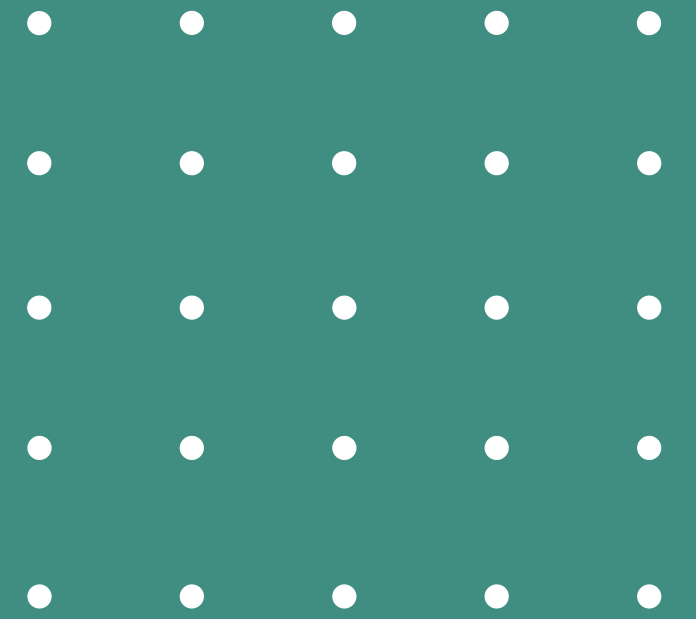
Focused on the rapidly developing global geopolitics and expound on the challenges, the Common Security in East Asia Project.

Peace & Justice: Fighting for an International System Based on Trust, Solidarity, and Common Security

Discussed the current geopolitical climate, the importance of peace and solidarity movements, and how civil society can contribute to creating a more just and peaceful future with Netzwerk Cuba

Regionalization

- East Asia Common Security Working Group working on first draft of report
- First conversations in African and Latin American networks



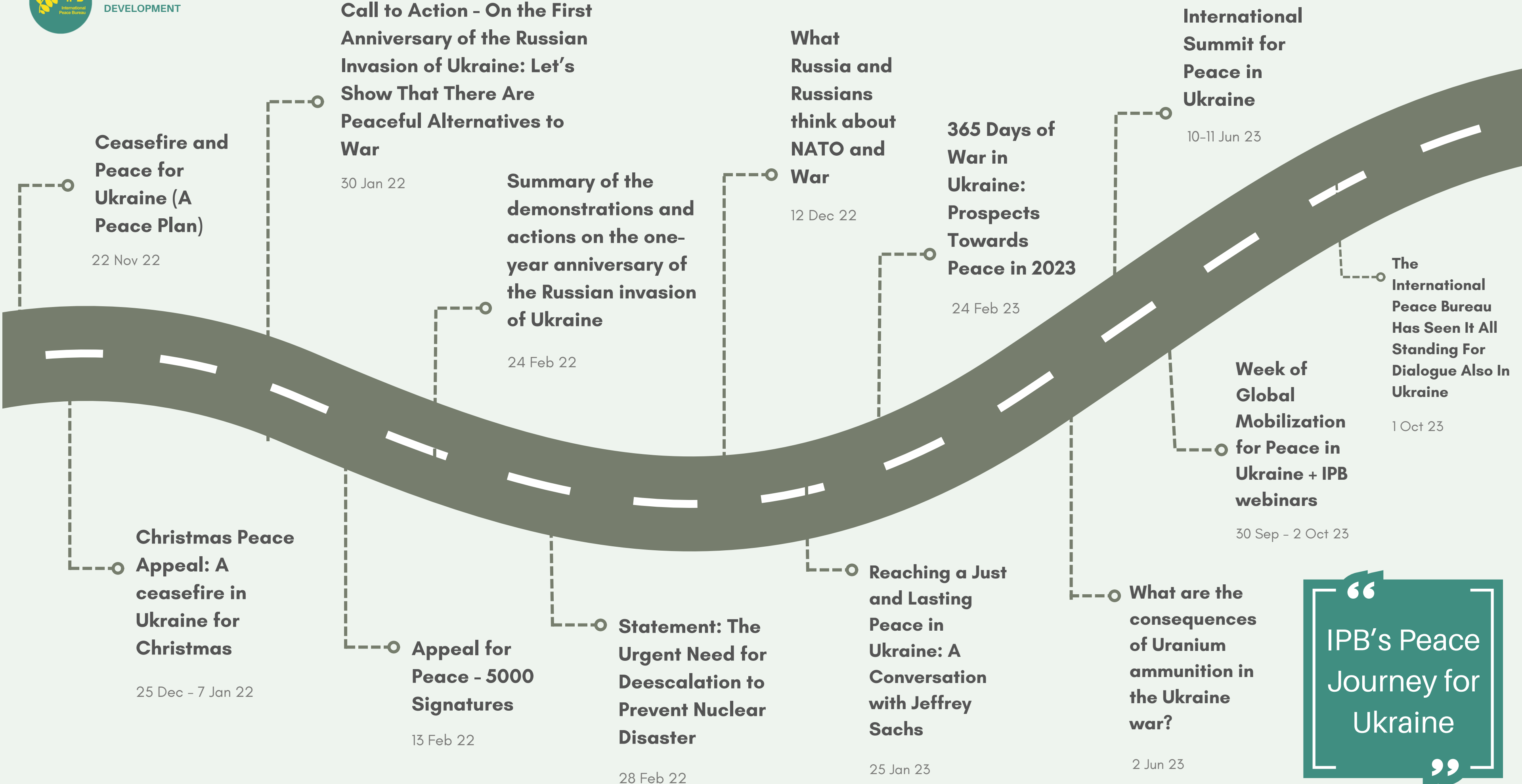
Global Challenges and Peace

Climate and Peace

IPB's Peace Work: UKRAINE



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Peace by Peaceful Means:

International Summit for Peace in Ukraine

- 300 Peace Activists
- 32 Countries
- 1 Statement



10-11 June 2023
Vienna, Austria

VIENNA APPEAL FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE



Peace by peaceful means. Ceasefire and negotiations now!

We, the organizers of the International Summit for Peace in Ukraine, call on leaders in all countries to act in support of an immediate ceasefire and negotiations to end the war in Ukraine.

We are a broad and politically diverse coalition that represents peace movements and civil society, including people of faith in many countries. We are firmly united in our belief that war is a crime against humanity and there is no military solution to the current crisis.

We are deeply alarmed and saddened by the war. Hundreds of thousands have been killed and wounded and millions have been displaced and traumatized. Cities and villages across Ukraine and the natural environment have been shattered.

Far greater death and suffering may yet ensue if the conflict escalates to the use of nuclear weapons, a risk that is higher today than at any point since the Cuban missile crisis.

We condemn Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine. The institutions established to ensure peace and security in Europe fell short, and the failure of diplomacy led to war. Now diplomacy is urgently needed to end the war before it destroys Ukraine and endangers humanity.

The path to peace must be based on the principles of common security, respect for international human rights and self-determination of all communities.

We support all negotiations that stand for the logic of peace instead of the illogic of war.

We affirm our support for Ukrainian civil society who are defending their rights. We commit ourselves to strengthening the dialogue with those in Russia and Belarus who are putting their lives at risk opposing war and protecting democracy.

We call on civil society in all countries to join us in a week of global mobilization (Saturday 30th September - Sunday 8th October 2023) for an immediate ceasefire and peace negotiations to end this war.

- Vienna, June 11th 2023



Week of Global Mobilization for Peace in Ukraine

30 Sep - 2 Oct 2023 | 19 Countries





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Right to Conscientious Objection Campaigns

#Object War Campaign
#Free Boris Kagarlitsky!
#Justice for Yurii Sheliazhenko
#protection4Olga



#OBJECT WAR CAMPAIGN

Solidarity with conscientious objectors and
deserters from Russia, Belarus and Ukraine

#ОткажиВойне #ВідмовВійні



**European
Bureau for
Conscientious
Objection**

**OPEN
CALL**

**WORLDWIDE
BORIS KAGARLITSKY
SOLIDARITY
ACTION**



UNITE FOR SOLIDARITY!

#PROTECTION4OLGA

Protect and
grant asylum
to human
rights defender
Olga Karatch!



YURII SHELIAZHENKO

IPB Council Member
Executive Secretary of the Ukrainian Pacifist
Movement



The IPB Has Announced its Intention to Nominate **Three Remarkable Organizations with a Focus on the Right to Conscientious Objection** for the **2024 Nobel Peace Prize**

Russian Movement of Conscientious Objectors, the Ukrainian Pacifist Movement, and the Belarusian organization “Our House”

Monitoring Reports on the Situation of Belarusian:

1st Report: Situation of Belarusian Refugees in Lithuania

2nd Report: Situation of Belarusian Conscientious Objectors & Evaders in Lithuania

IPB's Peace Work: Israel - Palestine



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IPB/METO/IPPNW Joint Statement on the Recent Israel- Palestine Escalation

11 October 2023
Statement

**PRESS
RELEASE**

10 October 2023



IPB/METO/IPPNW Joint Statement on the Recent Israel–Palestine Escalation

The International Peace Bureau (IPB), Middle East Treaty Organization (METO), and International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) are deeply concerned over the unprecedented Israeli-Palestinian violent escalation launched in the morning of Saturday, 7th October, which has already resulted in the loss of hundreds of lives. The resulting fear, panic, and uncertainty that the Israeli and Palestinian people feel in these moments demand our compassion and understanding, even as the extent to which the conflict will escalate remains unclear.

The death toll cannot continue to rise. The signatories to this statement therefore call for immediate global attention to deescalate the conflict and provide on-the-ground humanitarian assistance. Furthermore, we call on the international community to support the immediate cessation of attacks and abductions of civilians and attacks on non-military infrastructure. The UNSC must live up to its charter-mandated responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. It should urgently demand all parties to stop violence and respect and protect lives of civilians, especially children.

There is no military solution to the multifaceted and complex crisis between Israel and Palestine; we acknowledge the deep suffering of Palestinians and Israelis even under the status quo, including settler violence, terrorist attacks, economic violence, and a constant environment of fear under violation of international law. The root causes of the conflict are deep and can only be addressed when immediate and direct violence is not present.

Therefore, **together we call for:**

- An immediate cessation of violence—in particular the targeting of civilian infrastructure;
- The immediate exchange of hostages and prisoners under humanitarian concerns;
- The establishment of a humanitarian corridor for safe passage of emergency services and aid;
- The international community, in particular the League of Arab States, to engage in negotiations based on the Arab Peace Initiative (API), the only comprehensive solution to the Israeli-Arab conflict in the Middle East.

How the International Peace Movement Can Contribute to Immediate and Long-Term Peacework in Israel and Palestine: Listening to Local Voices

18 October 23

- Double standards in human rights: frustration over varying global standards and 75 years of Palestinian oppression.
- Call for a consistent, global approach on peace, justice and human rights
- Stressed the power-driven nature of conflicts and dangers of misinformation.
- Call to Action: advocated for a unilateral ceasefire from Israel, with U.S. backing; warned of rising antisemitism globally if the conflict continued; emphasized the limited window available to halt the violence.
- Emphasized the inconsistency in Europe's human rights stance and the false security-militarization link.
- Advised the German-speaking regions to support human rights advocates on both sides.
- Advocated for the Arab Peace Initiative.
- Stressed the importance of an immediate ceasefire and humanitarian efforts.
- Emphasized community building and reconciliation through arts, dialogue, and services.
- Emphasized returning to the peace-promoting roots of Abrahamic religions.

IPB's Peace Work: Manipur, India



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Restoring Peace in Manipur, Northeast India: What are the Ways Forward for Stopping the Current Violence, Restoring Trust, Faith, Reconciliation and Healing?

Webinar | 9 June

- Manipur Perspective
- Northeast India perspective
- New Delhi perspective
- Conflict Resolution perspective

Key Figures

Violent conflict erupted in Manipur on May 3rd, 2023*

*Many of these numbers are undercounts, realities on the ground are likely higher

- 150 **killed**
- 7,750 homes **burned** down
- 53,000 **displaced**
- 314 refugee / relief camps set up
- 35,000 **troops** deployed
- 221 churches, 17 temples burned down
- 310 **injured**, many with bullet & burn wounds
- Most districts remain under curfew, internet banned since May 3rd



Women caring for their children in a relief camp for displaced persons. Many have lost their homes.





International Tribunal for Peace in Manipur

- Aims to raise awareness of ongoing human rights abuses in Manipur and past atrocities spanning 70 years;
- Concerned members emphasize the involvement of third-party non-partisan groups in conflict-resolution processes trusted by all sides;
- Possible locations for the tribunal include The Hague, Geneva, New York, and a visit to India/Manipur;
- Involve Indigenous leaders from Manipur and worldwide with conflict experience was highlighted;
- Commits to ongoing documentation of the armed conflict, resource sharing, outreach, and maintaining communication throughout the tribunal's process.

IPB's Peace Work: Iraq +20

Iraq War Protests +20 – Lessons from past peace movements. Actions towards a peaceful future

– Press Release –

IRAQ WAR PROTESTS+20

Lessons from past peace movements. Actions towards a peaceful future



Highlighted the lessons learned by the international and national peace movements and discuss further steps toward the future of peace when dealing with the current challenges.

7 February
2023

Climate and Peace

Climate and Peace: Events



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Impact of War and
Militarization on Climate
Change and Sensitive
Ecology

27 Oct 2022

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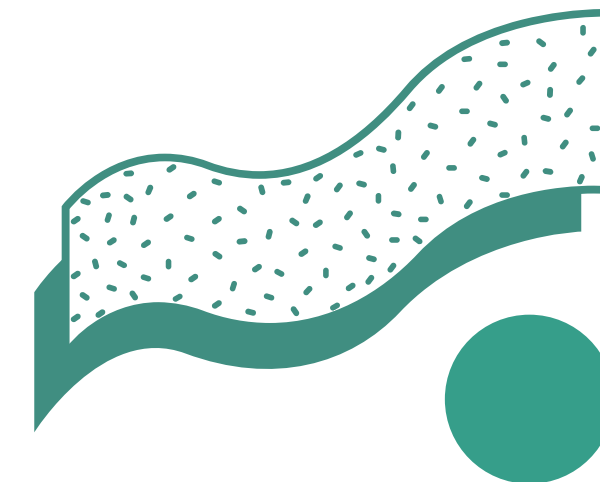
Live from COP27: Climate
Change, Militarism, and
Justice: No War, No
Warming: Demilitarization
and Climate Justice

17 Nov 2022



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Climate and Peace: Publications



1

Statement: Open
Letter Launch on
military spending
and climate
finance

2

Report: Climate &
The Military: How
Global
Militarization Is
Costing Us The
Earth

3

Statement: 90
Seconds to
Midnight: A Wake-
Up Call for Peace?

Peace Actions No to NATO



No to NATO Activities

- Global NATO - The Economic Wars Against Russia and China Webinar
22 Nov 2022
- 24-Hour Peace Wave
8-9 Jul 2023
- Global Women for Peace United Against NATO 2023
6 - 9 Jul 2023
- Peace Action Conference
30 Sep 2023



Global Women for Peace United Against NATO 2023

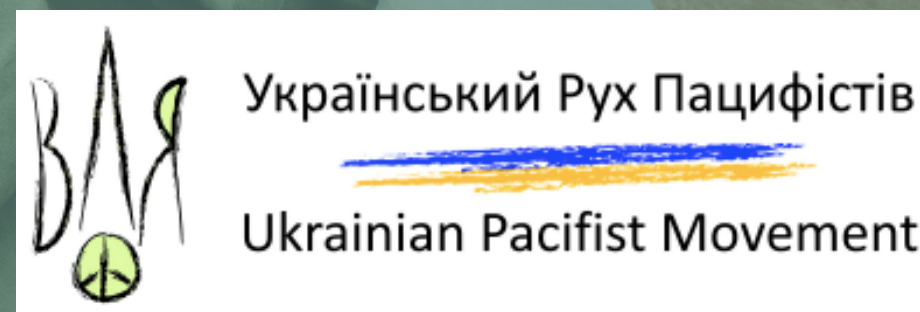
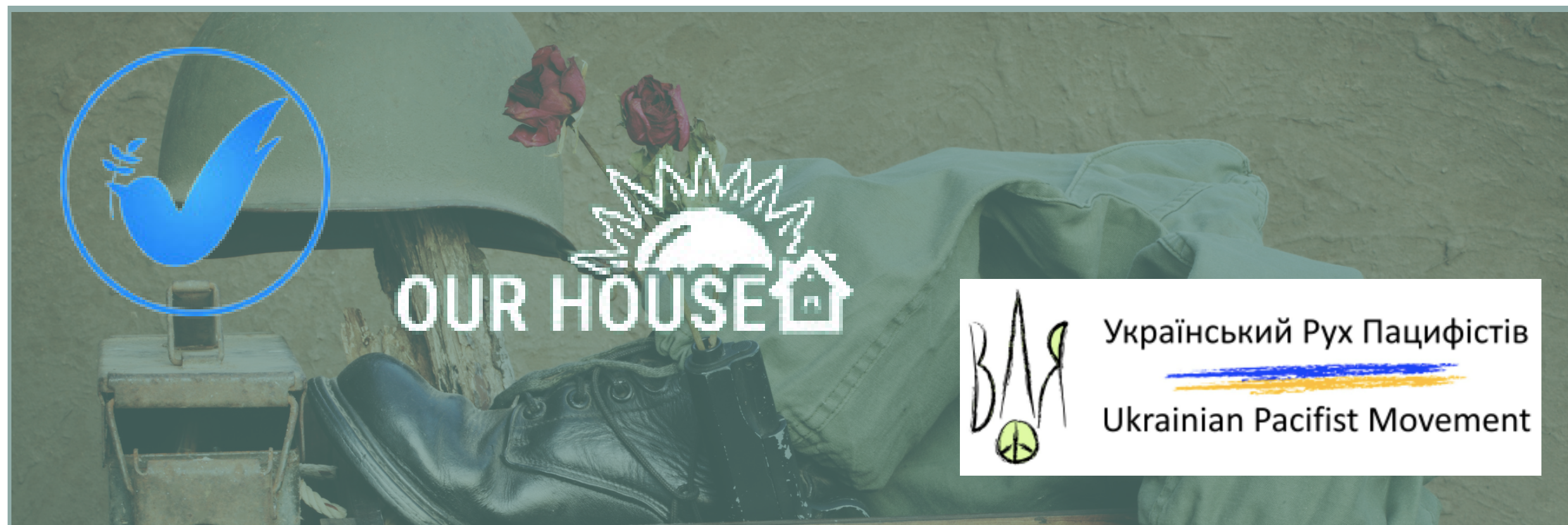
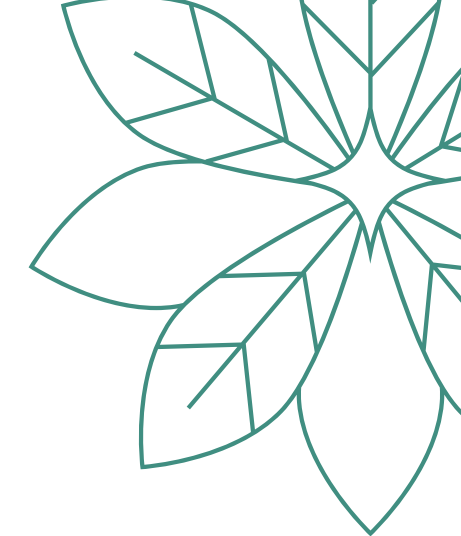


2023 Sean MacBride Peace Award



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2023 SEÁN MACBRIDE PEACE AWARDEES

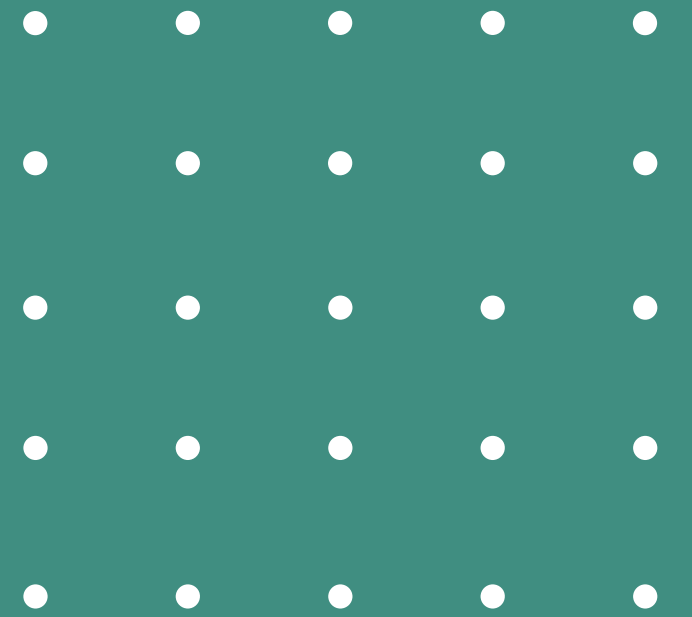


Three Conscientious Objectors Organization

Tore Nærland

Movement of Conscientious Objectors, Our
House, and Ukrainian Pacifist Movement

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Regional Peace Actions



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Asia - Pacific

Australia

Japan

- Freedom Report 2022: Unions Building Peace
- PETITION To Cancel Australian Talisman Sabre & AUKUS
- Pacific Peace Conference and Australian Speaking Tour of Pacific Peace Network activists
- Talisman Sabre, AUKUS and NATO in the Pacific
- NATO's Geostrategic interests towards China: How strong are AUKUS and the QUAD really?
- 2023 World Conference on A&H Bombs
- Statement to the Governments of the Five Nuclear Weapon States



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Asia - Pacific

Philippines

South Korea

- Commemorating the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples with Sama Dilaut
 - Reconnect Asia-Pacific Network
 - Citizens Against US Wars of Aggression Statement
 - Voices from Asia on the Crisis in Palestine
-
- Peace Is Possible, If We Want It, Ahead of the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice in 2023
 - 70th year of the Korean War Armistice International Symposium from Armistice to Peace



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Reconnect Asia - Pacific

Australia | Guam | India | Japan | Kazakhstan | Mongolia | Pakistan | Philippines | South Korea

Summarized Asia- Pacific Shared Interests

- Common Security
- Militarism and US-Bases
 - Increasing militarism and number of US bases in Asia-Pacific
 - Increasing military tensions on the Korean Peninsula and North East Asia
- Border Conflicts
 - India-Pakistan Relations
 - Korean Peninsula Relations
- Nuclear Disarmament
 - TPNW
 - Nuclear-weapon-free zones (NWFZs) non-members
 - Dangers of missile defense systems
- Environmental Issues
 - Nuclear waste in the Pacific Ocean and nearby countries of Japan
 - Desertification effects
 - Climate change
- Indigenous People
 - Manipur, India issue
- Rise of terrorism activities
- Geopolitics in the Region



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Recommendations

- To conduct webinars and conference on shared interests such as common security, TNPW updates, increasing militarization in Asia-Pacific and India-Pakistan relations among CSOs;
- To create a platform for constructive dialogues among CSOs in India and Pakistan;
- To have a written report and event on the updates of TPNW;
- To share the secretariat work of IPB with other members of Global Women's Action Against NATO in the upcoming 70th NATO anniversary;
- To develop peacebuilding projects and programs where SPADO and IPB can share their skills, resources and fundraise together for projects at the national and regional (Asia-Pacific) levels;
- To build the capacities of youth and other stakeholders in non violent conflict resolution and peacebuilding;
- To organize small event's at every Asian country every half year, and associating with the top diplomats and local governments concerning peace negotiations, territory dispute, illegal supply of arms to stop terrorism;
- To improve the IPB's communication and marketing strategy, steps should be taken to reach a broader audience, especially younger individuals;



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Africa

- Climate Change and Conflict in Africa Webinar
- 'From Conflict to Beloved Communities: A Series of International Gatherings on Peace, Justice and Nonviolence' in Juba, South Sudan
- Statement on the crisis in Sudan by the IPB Africa Network
- IPB Africa Network's Introductory Webinar



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Latin America and the Caribbean

- Event with the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (March)
- Declaration supporting the **Creation of Ministries and Infrastructures of Peace** by GAMIP LAC – Proposal for a Ministry of Peace in Colombia (Public Hearing at the Congress of the Republic, November 9th, 2023)
- **III Congress of the Ibero-American Forum for Peace**, by the Ibero-American Alliance for Peace (November 9th and 10th, 2023)
- First steps towards the creation of the IPB Latin American and Caribbean Network



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Europe

- Future Factory in Rome
- Nuke Free Europe
- European Forum



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