

MILITARY EXPENDITURE AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

INVITATION

A seminar organised by the International Peace Bureau

Monday 14 April, 2014 (Global Day of Action on Military Spending, GDAMS)

16.30 - 18.30. Followed by an informal reception

Venue: Centre International, 1 Rue de Varembe (across Place des Nations, opposite UN)
Ground floor hall. Open to all. Language: English

Introduction

Global military spending levels remain at an all-time high. In 2012 they reached a total of USD 1'730 billion. Meanwhile, the international community calls for much greater investments in a whole range of fields that are critical for human survival: humanitarian relief, climate change mitigation and adaptation, prevention of pandemics, sustainable development and the construction of a green economy. Many civil society groups and influential individuals, not least the UN Secretary-General, have been urging a major change in priorities. The seminar will present the latest figures and trends (SIPRI data for 2013 to be published on April 14) and will consider the funds allocated to the military, not only as a disarmament issue, but also as a potential contributor to social and environmental protection. The speakers will also address the place of such concerns within the debates on the UN's Post-2015 Development Agenda and in relation to issues of transparency and democracy.

Programme

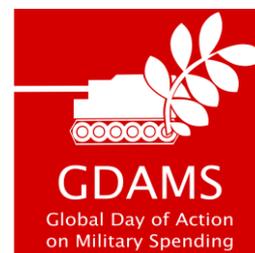
Moderator: Jarmo Sareva, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Director, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch

Speakers:

- **Michael Møller**, Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Acting Director-General UN Office at Geneva
- **Helen Wilandh**, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, SIPRI
- **Colin Archer**, Secretary-General, International Peace Bureau, and Coordinator, Global Day of Action on Military Spending
- **Prof. Alfred de Zayas**, UN Human Rights Council Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

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- **Global Day of Action on Military Spending:** *April 14, 2014* - <http://gdams.org>
- **Making Peace photo-exhibition** curated by Ashley Woods of REAL Exhibition Development (already shown in [Geneva](#), [Utrecht](#) and [Stockholm](#) (Nobel Museum). Many other locations being planned. <http://www.makingpeace.org>
- **Sarajevo Peace Event:** *June 6 - 9, 2014* - <http://www.peaceeventsarajevo2014.eu/>