

GCOMS Newsletter March 2017

Update GCOMS Website



We are pleased to announce that we have a brand new web site!

There are many new sections: About us, The Facts, Material, and an Interactive Map of ISC Members and Events.

For this year there is also the possibility to have a GDAMS national campaign webpage in which every country can put its own material and events. As you can see, the [U.K.](#) and [U.S.](#) sections are already active. To do this we need the text of what you would like to put in your own page. In the future you could also manage this page in an independent way.

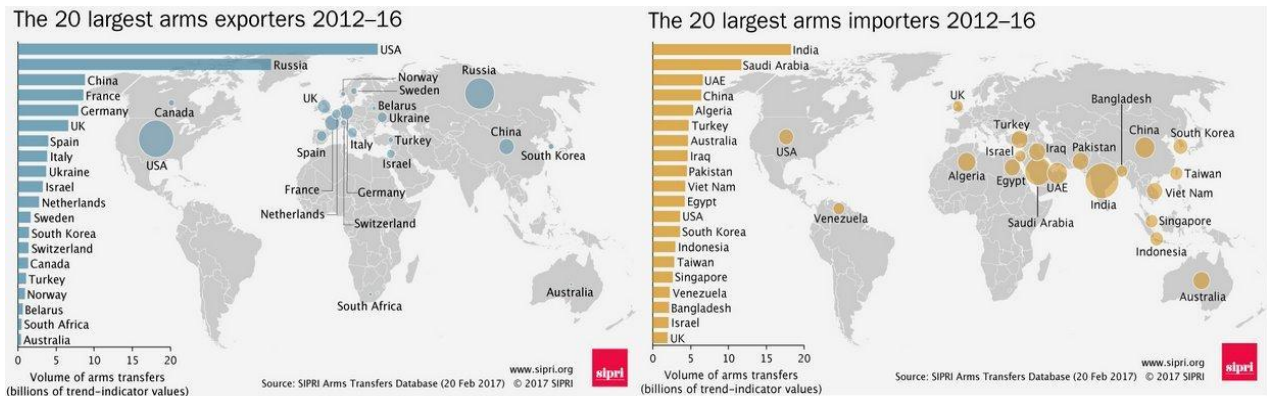
In the [Map](#) we would like to insert all the events of the campaign, every spot has the name of the organization that will do the events and the link to the web page of the organization. Please check it and give us your feedback, or send us your event if you would like to put it in the map.

1st Italian Report on Military Spending



On the 15th of February Francesco Vignarca, member of the ISC GCOMS, with the [Observatory on Italian Military Expenditures](#) presents to the Italian Parliament the first report on the Italian military expenditures. Visit the [GCOMS News webpage](#).

New Data on International Arms Exports



On 20th February the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) launched the data on International Arms Transfers and their Trends. It shows the top 20 largest arms importers and exporters. Is your country among them?

According to SIPRI, *“the volume of international transfers of major weapons has grown continuously since 2004 and increased by 8.4 per cent between 2007–11 and 2012–16. Notably, transfers of major weapons in 2012–16 reached their highest volume for any five-year period since the end of the cold war.”*

Read more [here](#).

Remember to follow us on Twitter @DemilitarizeDay, and like our Facebook page @demilitarizeday, where you will receive all real-time updates on GCOMS and GDAMS events.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!