

FINAL REPORT

GDAMS 2023

Global Days of Action on Military Spending

April 13 - May 9



Introduction

The **Global Campaign on Military Spending (GCOMS)** stands as an international initiative championed by the International Peace Bureau and was first established in December 2014. Its overarching goal is to push governments worldwide to undertake significant reallocations of military expenditures, particularly in high-spending countries, channeling these resources into five broad alternative areas:

- **Peace**: disarmament, conflict prevention and resolution, fostering common and human security;
- **Sustainable development** and anti-poverty programs;
- **Climate change** and biodiversity loss – through mitigation and adaptation efforts
- **Public services / social justice**, human rights, gender equality and green job-creation;
- **Humanitarian programs** aimed at supporting the most vulnerable groups.

All the aforementioned areas form part of a wider global effort aimed at fostering a **Culture of Peace**.

By convincing governments to redirect funding toward critical sectors such as health, education, employment and climate emergencies, rather than the military, this campaign strives to establish comprehensive **human security structures worldwide** and at the same time **put a stop to war and destruction**. GCOMS also intends to involve as many citizens and organizations as possible and make them a part of a comprehensive and thorough debate highlighting the **counterproductive outcomes associated with military expenditure**.

Since its inception in **2011**, the **Global Days of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS)** have emerged as an annual springtime event, taking place between April and May each year. Coordinated by the International Peace Bureau (IPB) offices in Berlin and Barcelona as well as being overseen by a Steering Group, it is a focal point within the GCOMS. Indeed, it aims to raise public awareness on the substantial amount of public funds being channeled into the **military** and on the necessity to redirect these resources toward **human and environmental needs**.

Initially structured as a one day event, GDAMS actions have evolved into a multi week operation, the timing of which strategically coincides with both the US Tax Day and the annual release of SIPRI's data on global military expenditure, garnering increased attention to the issues addressed by the campaign.

The objective of GDAMS is to alert the public about their money being used to fund the military industry rather than going to essential social services such as education, health or culture. Moreover, with this campaign, **IPB aims to promote a new culture of peace**, emphasizing the resolution of international tensions and conflicts through **diplomacy, dialogue and cooperation**, rather than resorting to violence or the threat thereof, in accordance with a shared security paradigm.

To that end, the campaign organizes activities to raise public awareness all around the world. Mainly directed at citizens, they invite them to reflect on the impact that military spending has on their everyday lives and explore possible alternatives.

GDAMS 2023 Appeal

The world's militaries are responsible for roughly five percent of global Greenhouse Gas emissions, however their carbon footprint, and other contributions to climate breakdown, are often overlooked. Our governments currently spend more than US\$2 trillion on militarisation, an expanding figure inconsistent with current global efforts to reach essential emissions targets and which is bound to exacerbate the climate emergency. On top of death and destruction, war and armed conflict lead to environmental devastation and climate breakdown. Although our governments may argue that such "defense" spending is necessary, **it will ultimately render us defenseless in the face of the existential threat posed by the climate crisis.**

Global heating poses a major and sustained risk to our planet's climatic cycles and the resultant weather-related disasters often exacerbate existing injustices. This can escalate conflicts over access to land and other essential resources, as well as contributing to forced displacement. Tackling Climate change must involve dealing with other structural problems such as poverty, economic shocks and a weakened social safety net. This is particularly true in regions that have contributed the least to the climate crisis, yet are impacted the most by its devastating consequences.

In addition to their carbon footprint, the world's military structures also contribute to the climate crisis in other key ways:

- Military spending diverts resources away from vital environmental and social expenditures, including initiatives to mitigate climate change, deal with loss and damage and respond to weather-related emergencies.
- Military establishments, such as national armies, militarized police forces or private security companies are often deployed to safeguard the fossil fuel industry, a major emitter of greenhouse gasses, making them at the very least complicit.
- Environmental activists striving to protect ecosystems often face violent repression from militarized security structures, including police, private security companies and, at times, the army when engaging in protests and other types of resistance.
- Dating all the way back to colonial times, the historical connection between fossil fuel extraction, war and armed conflict is well documented

– Increasingly, extreme weather events induced by climate change are forcing more and more people away from their homes. With the border security apparatus currently focused on detaining and preventing people from reaching safety or seeking asylum, the military will likely be further deployed to keep out those fleeing climate-related disasters.

– Moreover, the arms industry, which in many ways is the backbone of militarism, invests significant resources and efforts into corporate lobbying to advance its own profit-driven agenda. In recent years, it has seized upon the climate crisis as an opportunity to portray itself as a key player in developing ‘greener’ weapons, pushing for more funding to be allocated to these projects. This strategy perpetuates and exacerbates the underlying logic driving **militarism** and warfare.

Political leadership has focused on hawkish politics and sabre-rattling, exacerbating tension and fear, rather than fostering international relations grounded in mutual trust, diplomacy and cooperation – three components essential in tackling the global nature of the climate threat. Resources that could be used to mitigate or reverse climate breakdown, as well as promoting peaceful conflict resolution, disarmament and initiatives for global justice, are instead being spent on militarizing an already over-militarised world.

We urgently call on governments to:

- Change course and make swift but substantial cuts to military spending, putting an end to an arms race fuelling war and conflicts;
- Demilitarize public policy, including those aimed at tackling the climate crisis;
- Implement human and common-security policies that safeguard both people and planet, rather than catering to the profit-driven interests of the arms and fossil fuel industries;
- Develop new structures of governance and alliances grounded in mutual trust and understanding, cooperation and true diplomacy, where conflict is resolved through dialogue, not war.

The opportunity cost of doing otherwise just can't get any higher.

War costs us the Earth.

Sign the Appeal as an organization [here](#).

This appeal is also available in [German](#), [Catalan](#), [Italian](#), [Dutch](#), [Korean](#), [Norwegian](#) and [Spanish](#) (other languages will appear here soon).

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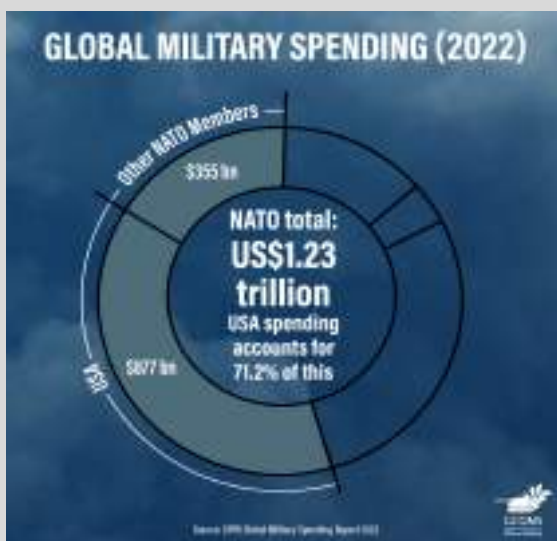
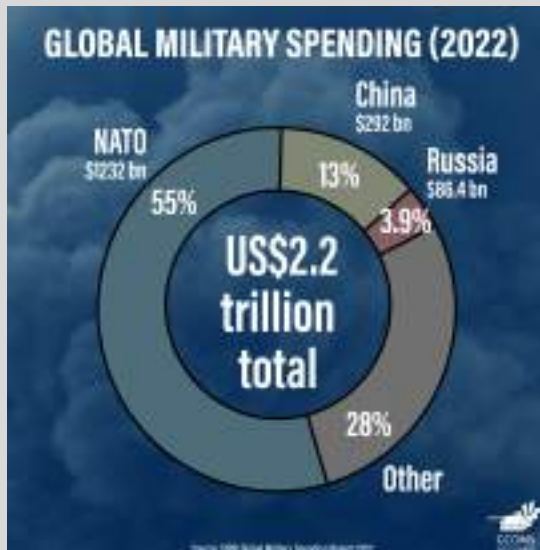
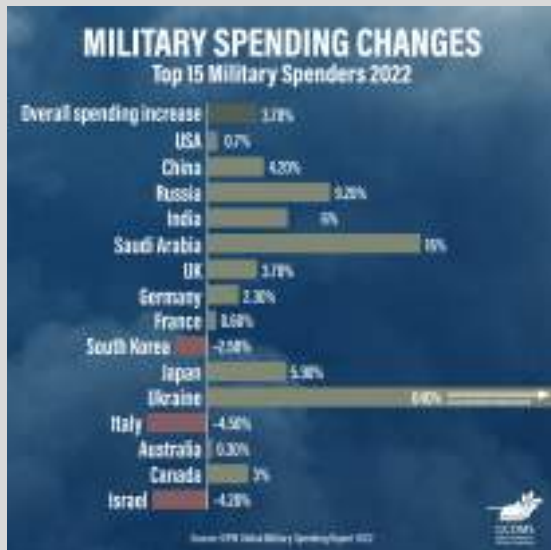
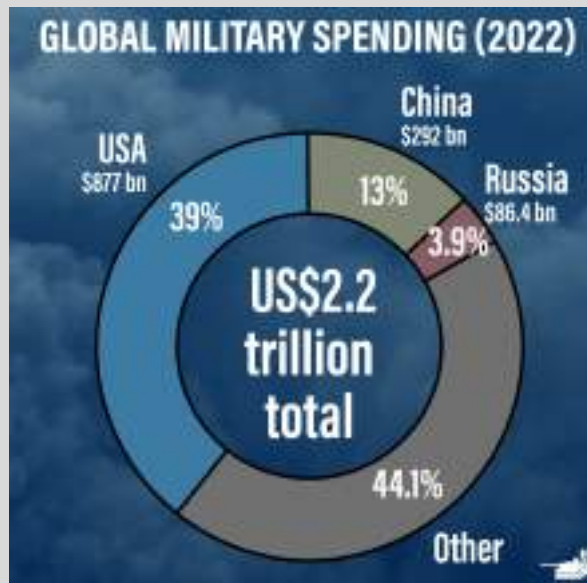
This appeal was available at [Action Network](#), which together with our contact email, managed to gather around 180 endorsements from peace organizations.

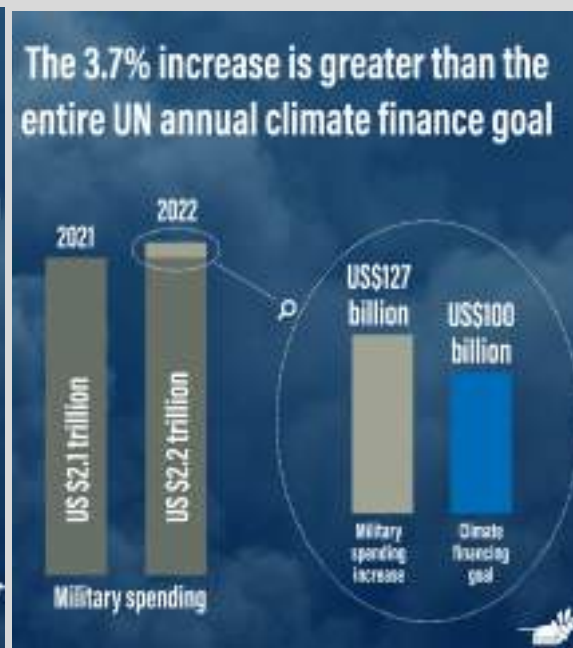
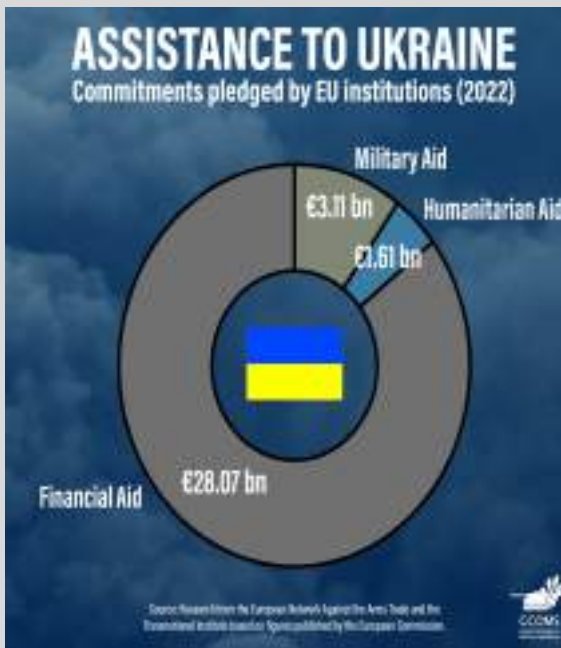
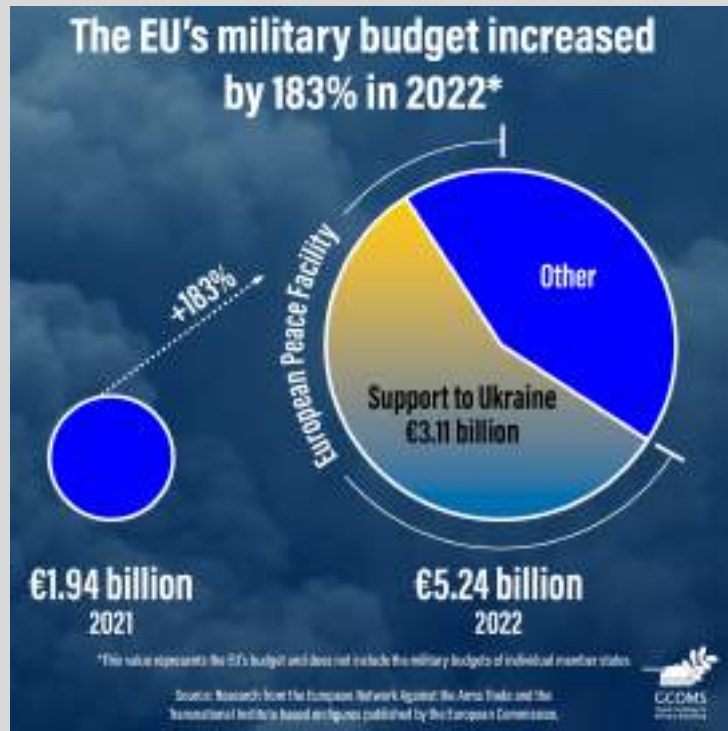
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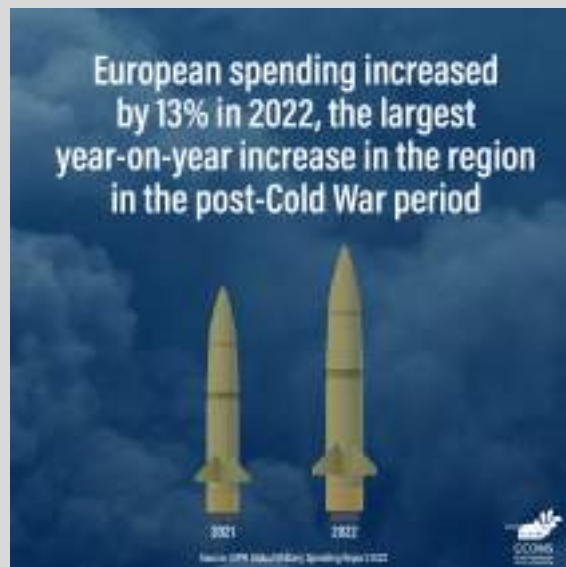
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Alianza Iberoamericana por la Paz	Norwegian Peace Association
Alianza por el Desarme Nuclear	Nouveaux Droits de l'Homme
Alternativa Antimilitarista.MOC/ADNV	Nova Scotia Voice of Women for Peace
American Friends Service Committee	Oblatas del Santísimo Redentor
Aotearoa New Zealand Campaign on Military Spending	Observatoire des armements / CDRPC
APDHA	Observatorio por el Cierre de la Escuela de las Américas en Chile
ARBA Cádiz	Oregon Community of War Tax Resisters
Área de Paz y Solidaridad de Ecologistas en Acción Andalucía	Pax Christi England and Wales
Asociación Española de Investigación para la Paz (AIPAZ)	Pax Christi International
Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos (APDHA)	Peace Action
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Canadian Voice of Women for Peace	Peaceworkers
Cátedra UNESCO de Filosofía para la Paz	People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD)
Catholic Peace Ministry	Peter Pokorný
Centre Delàs of Peace Studies	Religions for Peace
CGT Confederación General del Trabajo	Rete Italiana Pace e Disarmo
CIEMEN	Rotterdam BIJ1
Comisión General Justicia y Paz	Scientists for Global Responsibility (SGR)
Conscience Canada	SCRAP Weapons
Coordinadora d'ONGD i aMS de Lleida	Shadow World Investigations
Coordinadora de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo-España	Share The World's Resources
Corruption Tracker Project	Sindicato USTEA
Demilitarise Education	Stop Fuelling War, Cessez d'alimenter la Guerre
Ecologistas en Acción	Stop Wapenhandel
Elaia-AAMOC	The Global Sunrise Project
ENAAAT - European Network Against Arms Trade	The Norwegian Peace Council
Eulalia Nemcová	The Peace & Neutrality Alliance
Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR-USA)	The Peace Movement of Esbjerg, Denmark
Fundación Serra-Schönthal	The Polar Blast
FundiPau	Tipping Point North South
Gamip América Latina y el Caribe	Transnational Institute (TNI)
GCOMS UK	Unipau - Universitat Internacional de la Pau
Gernika Gogoratuz	United for Peace

Glossop Peace Group	Vrede vzw
Greek Observatory of International Organisations and Globalisation-PADOP	Vrouwen voor Vrede Enschede
Grupo de Noviolencia Elaia-AAMOC de El Puerto de Santa María	War Resisters' International
High Peak Green New Deal	Western New York Peace Center
HRM Chapter of the Council of Canadians	Whatcom Peace & Justice Center
Institute for Policy Studies	WILPF Canada
International Peace Bureau (IPB)	WILPF España
Just Peace QLD	WILPF UK
Kendu Kateak	Women Against Nuclear Power
Kingston Peace Council / CND	Women Against War
La Guerra Empieza Aquí (LGEA)	Women for Peace, Finland
London Campaign Against Arms Trade	Women in Black, London
Merseyside CND	Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, Aotearoa Section
Michiana War Tax Refusers	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
MOC València	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Australia
Mouvement de la Paix - France	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, US
Movement for the Abolition of War	Womens International League for Peace and Freedom, Norway
Movimiento Por Un Mundo Sin Guerras Y Sin Violencia	World BEYOND War
National Campaign for Sustainable Development Nepal	World Without War
National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee	Youth Fusion - Abolition 2000 Youth Network
New Jersey Peace Action	

GDAMS 2023 infographics







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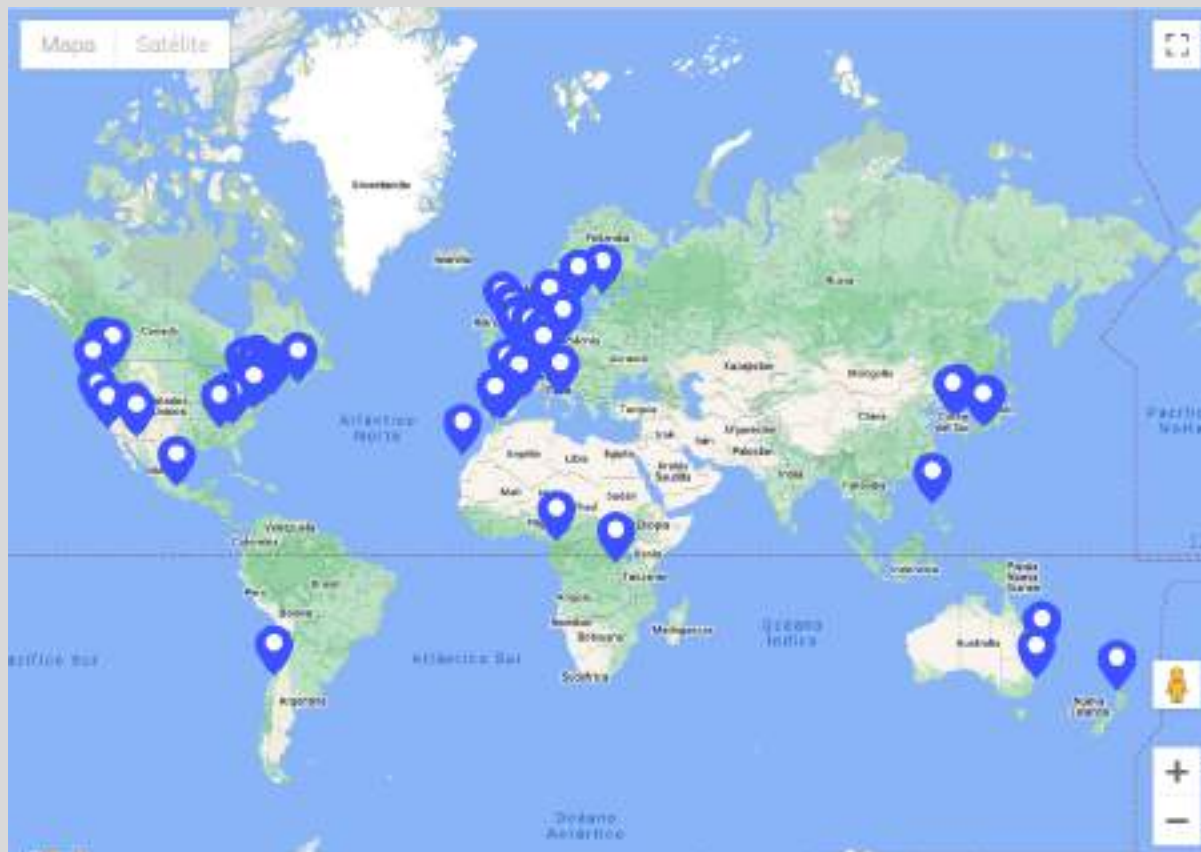
- SIPRI Global Military Spending Report 2022
- Research from the European Network Against the Arms Trade (ENAAAT) and the Transnational Institute (TNI) based on figures published by the European Commission.
- UN Climate Change

Our thanks to TNI and ENAAAT for their support preparing these infographics.

See <https://demilitarize.org/resources/gdams-2023-infographics/>

GDAMS 2023 actions

This year, many actions were held online as well as outdoors. Several actions took place in the streets, especially in the United States, the United Kingdom, Spain and South Korea where activists gathered to protest against militarism and bloated military budgets.



A new [map of actions](#) was prepared for the occasion, which allowed us to better display activities planned by our partners, connecting it with our Agenda.

GDAMS Press Conferences, Statements and Releases

Barcelona Press Conference 'War Costs Us The Earth' (IPB, ENAAT, Centre Delàs)



El [Stockholm International Peace Research Institute](#) (SIPRI) ha publicat el dilluns 24 d'abril [les noves dades sobre la despesa militar global corresponents a l'any 2022](#): una xifra que creix per vuitè any consecutiu fins a arribar als 2,24 bilions de dòlars, un 3,7% més que l'any anterior (per damunt de la inflació). Aquest augment del 3,7% en termes reals (0,7% l'any anterior) és reflexe dels increments en els pressupostos militars aprovats per molts governs dels països rics, una tendència iniciada l'última dècada i que l'any passat es va veure reforçada a partir de la invasió russa d'Ucraïna.

*“Aquestes noves xifres no ens sorprenen perquè ja les esperàvem, però sí que ens preocupen. Aquest augment en la despesa militar mundial mostra que **la guerra a Ucraïna està impulsant i legitimant en bona part aquests increments en tot el món. En aquest sentit, Ucraïna ha augmentat en un 640% el seu pressupost militar**”,* alerta Jordi Calvo Rufanges, coordinador del [Centre Delàs d'Estudis per la Pau](#) i de la [campanya GCOMS](#) de l'[International Peace Bureau](#).

En el marc dels [Dies Globals d'Acció sobre la Despesa Militar](#) (GDAMS, per les sigles en anglès), el Centre Delàs d'Estudis per la Pau ha coorganitzat juntament amb l'International Peace Bureau (IPB), la Campanya Europea Contra el Comerç d'Armes (ENAAT) i el Transnational Institute (TNI), amb la col·laboració de [l'Institut Català Internacional per la Pau \(ICIP\)](#), una roda de premsa a Barcelona per valorar les noves dades de despesa militar i demanar una reducció de les despeses militars mundials i de l'Estat espanyol, i que en comptes de dedicar pressupostos a preparar la guerra, es redireccionin a la protecció de la vida i el planeta, a través de la seguretat humana i la seguretat comuna.

Per regions, Europa és la que ha registrat l'augment més elevat, amb un increment del 13% el 2022, l'augment més elevat dels últims 30 anys. ***“La tendència de creixement de la despesa militar europea ve d'abans de la guerra d'Ucraïna, tot i que aquesta l'ha reforçat, la veiem també en els pressupostos de la Unió Europea que han experimentat un increment del 23% en aquests últims 5 anys, la qual cosa representa un extra de 50.000 milions de dòlars fins a 2021”***, ha apuntat Laëtitia Sédou, responsable d'incidència europea de l'ENAAT.

Estats Units continua sent, amb diferència, el país que més gasta en defensa. La despesa militar estatunidenca va arribar als 877.000 milions de dòlars el 2022, la qual cosa suposa el 39% de la despesa militar mundial total i tres vegades més que la quantitat gastada per la Xina, el segon país que més gasta del món. Pel que fa als països de la OTAN, sumen entre els 30 el 55% del total de la despesa militar mundial, 1,23 bilions de dòlars l'any 2022. Si agreguem la despesa militar dels membres de l'UE i la del Regne Unit, ocuparien la segona posició en el rànquing mundial, per davant de la Xina i només pel darrere dels EEUU.

Nick Buxton, investigador del [Transnational Institute](#), ha alertat sobre la relació entre la despesa militar i la crisi climàtica: ***“El canvi climàtic ha esdevingut el darrer dany col·lateral de la guerra. Només queden uns quants anys per actuar per abordar la crisi climàtica, però els exèrcits de tot el món estan ficant més llenya al foc. Els 2,24 bilions de dòlars de despesa militar mundial estan desviant diners de l'acció climàtica, augmentant les emissions i alimentant els conflictes a les nacions més vulnerables a les conseqüències de la crisi climàtica. Necessitem urgentment reduir les tensions i trobar solucions pacífiques als conflictes si volem defensar el nostre planeta. No hi pot haver cap nació segura en un planeta insegur”***.

La despesa militar real de l'Estat espanyol

Pel que fa a l'àmbit espanyol, les noves dades publicades pel SIPRI mostren que ***l'Estat espanyol va dedicar 20.306 milions d'euros a la despesa militar el 2022, i se situa en el 16è lloc del rànquing mundial (15è el 2021)***. Segons els càlculs del Centre Delàs d'Estudis per la Pau la xifra és encara superior i arriba als 23.470 milions, unes dades que tenen en compte a part del pressupost consolidat del Ministeri de Defensa, de 11.709 milions, la resta de despeses militars repartides en altres ministeris que no s'inclouen en els crèdits de Defensa (segons aconsella l'OTAN als països membres), i el pressupost finalment executat, normalment superior a l'inicial.

Respecte a la despesa militar espanyola d'enguany, els PGE de 2023 destinen un pressupost per al Ministeri de Defensa de 12.827 milions d'euros (un 23,4% més que el 2022) però, segons el càlcul del Centre Delàs, s'ha assolit una despesa militar real

que és més del doble d'aquesta partida, amb un valor de 27.617 milions d'euros, la qual cosa significa que **Espanya ja sobrepassaria enguany l'objectiu de despesa militar del 2% del seu PIB exigít per l'OTAN**. A aquesta xifra cal sumar els 581 milions d'euros per a missions exteriors que es van aprovar en Consell de Ministres l'11 d'abril, **assolint els 28.198 milions**. I molt probablement també s'hauran de sumar més endavant part de les compres d'armament aprovades el 18 d'abril en Consell de Ministres. Aquestes noves inversions i compres d'armament sumen un total de 4.760 milions d'euros i inclouen l'adquisició de nous armaments per 835 milions d'euros i 3.925 milions més en Programes Especials d'Armament (PEAs) per als pròxims anys. Una part d'aquestes inversions es destinarà a programes que ja estan en marxa (els tancs Pizarro, els helicòpters NH90 i els blindats Dragon) i l'altra, al desenvolupament de nous programes (820 milions per a 8 helicòpters NH90, 1.970 milions per a vehicles VAC, 62,7 milions per a dos bucs hidrogràfics, i 500 milions per a 9 drons RPAS). A més a més, la ministra Robles ha proposat, tot i que encara no està aprovat, la inversió de 4.000 milions d'euros més per a l'adquisició de 25 avions Eurofighter que substituirien els F18 antics. Caldrà sumar per tant la diferència entre el pressupost inicial i el finalment liquidat, xifra que en 2022 va superar els 2.800 milions.

Pere Ortega, investigador del Centre Delàs expert en despesa militar, en una anàlisi dels pressupostos aprovats per a aquest any 2023 i els anuncis fets des del Govern espanyol, ha afegit que ***“l'augment del 23,4% de la despesa militar que representa 2.500 milions d'euros en els pressupostos per a aquest 2023 en relació a l'any anterior, és el més colossal de tota la història moderna d'Espanya, la qual cosa posa en qüestió que aquests siguin els pressupostos més socials mai aprovats”***.

Aquesta demanda s'emmarca en una acció conjunta entre més d'una cinquantena d'organitzacions de la societat civil d'arreu que han fet pública [una crida urgent als governs de tot el món a retallar la despesa militar](#) i que, al seu lloc, dediquin esforços a mitigar i revertir la degradació climàtica, i a promoure la transformació pacífica dels conflictes, el desarmament i les iniciatives de justícia global.

Seoul Press Statement

Green Alliance, Citizens for an Open Armed Forces, World Without War, Participatory Solidarity, PISMOMO, Hanbe Peace Foundation

5.6 billion a minute, threatening peace and the planet!
 Military spending that threatens peace and the planet!
 South Korea's Military Spending Ranking Rises to 9th in 10 Years
 Date and Time: April 24, 11:00 a.m., Yongsan Presidential Office

Today (April 24) at 11:00 am, 35 civil society organizations participating in the 2023 Global Days of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) campaign held a press conference in front of the Yongsan Presidential Office in response to the release of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's (SIPRI) State of the World's Military Spending in 2022. The press conference highlighted the current state of global military spending and called for ▶Using our resources to respond to real crises that threaten lives and daily lives, not military

expenditures ▷Stopping the arms race that exacerbates crises and creating peace through peaceful means.

In 2022, the world spent US\$2.24 trillion on military spending, up 3.7% from 2021. The Asia-Oceania, Americas, and Middle East regions all saw increases in military spending, including Europe, which saw the largest increase (13%). South Korea's military spending ranking moved up one spot in 10 years to rank ninth in the world for the first time ever.

Noting that "5.6 billion won (\$5.6 billion) per minute" is being spent on the military, the press conference participants called for "prioritizing limited budgets and resources to address climate change, address social inequality, and build peace, not military spending." They also pointed out that "while military spending is rising, there is not enough money to reduce carbon emissions, and the military sector's carbon emissions are uncontrolled. "We must work to improve relations through phased disarmament and the resumption of dialogue, not more weapons and military exercises that destroy trust," he said, noting that the pursuit of "peace by force" or great power confrontation can only lead to endless escalation of crises.

The Global Days of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) campaign is an international campaign organized by peace organizations around the world since 2011 that calls for reducing military spending and choosing peace, coinciding with the annual release of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's (SIPRI) World Military Spending Report. End.

Order of the press conference

Moderator : Munchi Munchi (Head of PISMOMO Action Research)

Speaker 1 : Hwang Sooyoung (Team Leader, Peace and Disarmament Center, Participatory Solidarity)

Speaker 2: Eunbin Kang (Representative of Youth Climate Emergency Action)

Speaker 3: Ju (Activist, World Without War)

Remark 4: Hwang In-cheol (Climate Energy Team Leader, Green Alliance)

Readings from the press conference: Shin Jae-wook (Activist, Citizens' Solidarity for Open Armed Forces), Morning (Activist, Hanbe Peace Foundation)

<Money Disappearing for Military Expenses, KRW 5.6 billion per minute> Performance

5.6 billion a minute, threatening peace and the planet!

military expenditures that threaten peace and the planet!

"I believe that K-Defense will contribute to 'world peace through strength' beyond Korea." These are the words of Defense Minister Lee Jong-seop, who met with CEOs of defense companies on the 17th. Last year, South Korea earned a record \$17.3 billion in defense exports. A report on the defense market by the Korea Institute of Industrial Economics and Trade says the changes brought about by the Russian-Ukrainian war are a "stroke of genius" for emerging arms exporters like South Korea. According to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), civilian casualties in Ukraine have reached at least 21,300 over the past year, with Ukrainian and Russian military casualties topping 100,000. The war has created nearly 8 million refugees, more than 90% of whom are women and children. The promise to capitalize on the boom created by the war to make record profits - or, as some have called it, to "sell death" - is the naked face of "world peace through strength.

The phrase "peace through strength" always emphasizes deterrence. Stronger weapons are always followed by stronger weapons from the other side. Since his candidacy, President Yoon has been calling for a preemptive strike against North Korea and the strengthening of

South Korea's THAAD system. On the 13th, North Korea test-fired a solid-fuel-based ballistic missile, which is difficult to detect in advance and cannot be countered by the THAAD system, which is supposed to catch the launch in advance and strike first. When THAAD was deployed in South Korea, China further expanded its missile system with the introduction of the Dongfeng series of missiles. Strength begets strength, and strength begets stronger strength. "Peace by force" will only fuel this arms race and never bring peace to either side.

Those who say that peace requires a different approach to coexistence, such as dialogue and cooperation rather than deterrence, are labeled idealistic or unaware of reality. As the concept of "principalities" shows, whether it's brought back after five years or not, peace by force always emphasizes the enemy. It is said that great power is necessary to defeat the enemy, and that casualties when that power is exercised are also inevitable. But what is really inevitable? Last month, as the largest South Korean-U.S. military exercises in five years got underway, North Korea responded with test launches of ballistic and cruise missiles. In response to North Korea's test launch of a solid-fuel missile, South Korea and the United States initiated Great power confrontations escalate crises endlessly. This is the reality we have to face now, a crisis in which it would not be surprising if war broke out at any moment.

The phrase "War Costs Us the Earth," the slogan of this year's World Disarmament Day international campaign, shows that human wars are clearly responsible for the global climate crisis. If the carbon footprint of the global military sector is calculated as if it were a country, it is about 5.5% of the global carbon footprint, ranking fourth behind China, the United States and India. According to the State of the World's Military Spending 2022, released today by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), military spending around the world reached \$2.24 trillion last year, up 3.7% from the previous year. In contrast, the total 2022 pledges to the Green Climate Fund, which industrialized countries pool to help developing countries reduce carbon and combat climate change, are only \$98.7 billion.

Military spending and arms races that feed on war will only accelerate the war crisis and the global climate crisis. The price spikes and food and energy crises that followed the Russia-Ukraine war have taken a toll on the world, and yet countries have rushed to increase their defense spending. South Korea's military spending in 2022 ranked ninth in the world, the first time in a decade that the country has moved into the single digits. In 2023, South Korea's defense spending will reach 57 trillion won, up 4.4% from the previous year. The global arms acquisition budget also increased significantly following the Russia-Ukraine war. The "2023-2027 National Defense Medium-Term Plan" released by the South Korean Ministry of National Defense plans to spend a total of 331 trillion won on defense from 2023 to 2027, of which 107 trillion won will be spent on defense force improvement, an average annual increase of about 10.5%.

It is time to prioritize our limited budget and resources to address the climate crisis, eliminate social inequality, and build peace, not military expenditures. While military expenditures are increasing, the budget for reducing carbon emissions is woefully inadequate. The South Korean military has been found to emit more carbon than the rest of the country, yet it is not subject to public sector greenhouse gas reduction targets. Even under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the military is not required to report emissions statistics. According to South Korea's 2023 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) progress report, South Korea has the lowest share of renewable energy among OECD countries and ranks fourth in greenhouse gas emissions per gross domestic product (GDP). Forests over twice the size of Seoul have been lost and the biodiversity index has declined.

Income inequality between classes ranks 11th among OECD countries and the relative poverty rate ranks 8th, and continues to worsen. Inter-Korean relations have taken a turn for the worst this year, the 70th anniversary of the armistice, yet non-military measures such as reconciliation and trust are nowhere to be found in the government's policy towards North Korea, and there is talk of nuclear weapons, let alone denuclearization of the peninsula.

Real crises that threaten lives and daily lives are the inevitable reality we face. It is no longer acceptable to increase military spending in the name of greater security.

On the 2023 World Day for Disarmament Action, we demand.

Let's redirect our resources away from military spending and towards addressing the real crises that threaten lives and daily lives. Redirect military spending to address climate change, build social safety nets, and prevent disasters.

Stop the arms race that exacerbates crises and create peace through peaceful means. Let's work to improve relations through phased disarmament and resumption of dialogue, not more weapons and military exercises that destroy trust.

April 24, 2023.

Gangjeong Peace Network, Geumjeonggul Human Rights and Peace Foundation, Christian Youth Academy, Climate Crisis Christian Coalition, Center for Refugee Rights, North-South Peace Foundation, Namyangju Women's Association, Green Party, Alternative Culture Coalition, Seongnam Women's Association, Women's Peace Movement Network, Citizens for Open Armed Forces, Yongin Women's Association, Icheon Women's Association, Justice Memory Coalition for the Resolution of Japanese Military Sexual Slavery, St. Francis Peace Center, Jeonbuk Green Alliance, World Without War, Political Mothers, Jeju Peace and Human Rights Center, Participatory Solidarity, Youth Climate Emergency Action, Palestine Peace Coalition, Daejeon Parents for Equal Education, Pyeongtaek Peace Center, Peace Network, Women Making Peace, Peace Floor, Pisomo, Korean Council of Churches Reconciliation and Reunification Committee, Korea Federation of Women's Organizations, Korea YMCA National Federation, Hanbe Peace Foundation, KIN (Global Compatriots)
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Letter for Peace: Against Military Spending and Militarization

Sres. Presidentes de América Latina, El Caribe y de América del norte

De nuestra consideración,

Las organizaciones y personas firmantes apoyamos la Campaña Internacional Contra el Gasto Militar. Por lo anterior, queremos señalar lo siguiente:

1.- De acuerdo a información del Instituto Internacional de Investigación para la Paz de Estocolmo (SIPRI), el gasto militar mundial del año 2022 alcanzó su máximo histórico llegando a un total de 2.240 billones de dólares. En nuestro continente, los países que más gastaron fueron Brasil con 20.210 millones de dólares; Colombia con 9.937 millones de dólares; México con 8.535 millones de dólares; Chile con 5.566 millones de dólares; Perú con 2.845 millones de dólares; y Argentina con 2.577 millones de dólares. En América Central y el Caribe, el gasto militar ascendió a 11.200 millones de dólares. En América del norte, Estados Unidos fue el país que más gastó, tanto en nuestro continente como en el mundo, llegando a 876.943 millones de dólares y Canadá 26.896 millones de dólares.

2- Mientras hay dinero para el gasto militar la pobreza se mantiene o aumenta en todos nuestros países a causa de la inflación, del pago de la deuda externa, entre otros graves problemas que viven muchos de nuestros países. El informe Panorama Social 2022 proyectó que 201 millones de personas (32,1% de la población total de la región) viven en situación de pobreza, de los que 82 millones (13,1%) se encuentran en pobreza extrema. Al mismo tiempo, la FAO ha señalado que cerca de 60 millones de personas pasan hambre en nuestro continente y 131 millones de personas en la región no pudieron costear una dieta saludable.

3.- Lola Castro, directora regional del WFP (Programa Mundial de Alimentos) de la ONU, señaló que “La inseguridad alimentaria seguirá aumentando por la crisis de los precios de los alimentos y de los combustibles causada por el conflicto en Ucrania y las secuelas de la COVID-19”.

4 – La guerra por muy lejos que esté nos afecta a todos. Levantamos nuestras voces y apoyamos los esfuerzos diplomáticos de diálogo y negociaciones para lograr acallar las armas y lograr que llegue la paz entre Rusia y Ucrania, en Yemen, en Sudán, en Palestina, como en otros países que viven conflictos armados.

5 – La verdadera seguridad que necesitan nuestros países, la región, como del mundo, radica en el bienestar social, económico y político de toda la población, en el respeto entre todas las naciones, y en el establecimiento de garantías de protección y seguridad común para todos.

6 – La militarización, como la carrera armamentista, sólo destruye la confianza entre nuestros pueblos y socava los esfuerzos de fraternidad, cooperación y solidaridad entre nuestros países que deberían mirarse como hermanos y no como enemigos.

7 – Exhortamos a nuestros Estados a revitalizar los esfuerzos de integración en nuestro continente, especialmente en la CELAC y UNASUR, para que de manera mancomunada se realicen esfuerzos contra las verdaderas amenazas que enfrentan nuestros pueblos que viven la violencia y la pobreza como consecuencia del neoliberalismo, del saqueo permanente de los recursos naturales, y de la depredación que realizan las grandes Corporaciones y sus Megaproyectos Extractivistas en nuestros territorios.

8 – Finalmente, pedimos que los gobiernos de nuestro continente reduzcan o eliminen el gasto militar y comprometan esos fondos para el bienestar social, en legitimar esfuerzos de paz, de amistad, de unidad, cooperación, y multilateralismo, que nos alejen de la amenaza de la guerra, la destrucción y del aniquilamiento. Lo que se necesita son fondos suficientes para el goce de los derechos humanos, la protección de los recursos naturales (el ecosistema), para la acción colectiva, para la solidaridad, para abordar conjuntamente las emergencias globales de nuestro tiempo.

Atentamente,

Acción Colectiva de Objetores y Objektoras de Conciencia -ACOOOC, Colombia

ACCSS, Guatemala

ACODEHU, Costa Rica

Alianza Global de Ministerios e Infraestructuras para la Paz – Gamip Gamip América Latina y

el Caribe –Gamip Alianza por el Desarme y la Justicia Social, Colombia

Alianza por la Justicia Global, EEUU

Araña Feminista, Venezuela

Asociación Campesina de Trabajadores Agropecuarios de San José de Miranda, Colombia

Asociación Chilena Pro-Naciones Unidas – ACHNU, Chile

Asociación de Cabildos Indígenas de San Vicente del Caguán Caquetá Colombia ACISC
 Asociación Mujeres y Madres Abriendo Caminos, Colombia
 Asociación para la Defensa de los Usuarios de los Servicios Públicos (ADUSP), Costa Rica
 Asociación Rumiñahui, España
 Asociación Sara Macdougall, Perú
 Asociación Teatro de la Tierra Mercy Bustos, Madrid, España
 Asociación de Productores Agroecológicos de Valle, Honduras
 ATRAHDOM, Guatemala
 Centro Cívico San Javier, Colombia
 Centro de Amigos para la Paz, Costa Rica
 Centro de Documentación en Derechos Humanos “Segundo Montes Mozo SJ” (CSMM), Ecuador
 Centro de Estudios Ecuménicos A.C., México
 Centro de Investigación Drogas y Derechos Humanos del Perú
 Centro de Investigación Social Formación y Estudios de la Mujer- CISFEM
 CESTA, El Salvador
 Circulo Bolivariano Yamileth López, Costa Rica
 Colectivo Proderechos Ecológicos y Ambientales, Sección Qro., México
 Colectivo Voces de Oya, Colombia
 Colegio de Profesoras y Profesores de Collipulli, región de la Araucanía, Chile
 Comisión de Paz, No Violencia y Desmilitarización – Alianza CONVIDA-20
 Comisión Ética contra la Tortura, Chile
 Comité Oscar Romero, Sicsal-Chile
 Comité por un Chile Digno – Noruega
 Comunidad Ecuménica Magdala, México
 Comunidad Ecuménica Martin Luther King, Chile
 Comunidad Slow Food del Sur de Chile
 ComuniSur Frente Comunicacional, Bolivia
 Conaicop, Internacional
 Concertación Mons Romero, El Salvador
 Confederación Unitaria de Trabajadores, Costa Rica
 Consejo Comunal Marapa Marina A B C, Venezuela
 Consejo Provincial de Paz del Oriente Antioqueño Colombia
 Convergencia Ciudadana de Mujeres -Converge Mujeres-, Guatemala
 Conversemos y actuemos, Colombia
 Coordinadora Americana Derechos de los Pueblos y Víctimas Prisión Política
 Corporación 3 y4 Álamos, Chile
 Corporación El Canelo, Chile
 Corporación PazCaribe, Colombia
 Coalición de Movimientos y Organizaciones Sociales de Colombia – COMOSOC
 Denver Justice and Peace Committee, Estados Unidos (Denver, Colorado)
 Desarrollo de infancia y adolescencia, México
 E. Pueblos Originarios Serpaj, Argentina
 Educar Mujer Venezuela, Venezuela
 Federación Venezolana de Abogadas
 Foro de Educación Religiosa, Costa Rica
 Frente de Paz y Solidaridad Costa Rica
 Fundación Desarrollo Permanente, Colombia

Fundación Hogar Padtorin, Colombia
 Fundación Lazos de Dignidad, Colombia
 Fundación Movimiento Ajedrez Escolar, Chile
 Fundación Procrear, Colombia
 Género, Diversidad, Interculturalidad y Derechos Humanos, Ecuador
 Global Campaign On Military Spending (GCOMS), Internacional
 Global Thought Mx, México
 Grupo Taller del Sur, México
 Iglesia Metodista Wesleyana Costarricense, Costa Rica
 Iglesias por la Paz, México
 Instituto RIA AC, México
 Justapaz Asociación Cristiana Menonita para Justicia Paz y Acción Noviolenta, Colombia
 Laboratorio de Paz, Venezuela
 Movimiento de Mujeres Manuelita Sáenz MOMUMAS, Venezuela
 Mujeres en Marcha Chile
 Mujeres para el Diálogo, México
 Mesa Ecuémica por la Paz – MEP, Colombia
 MUVACOFUM, Guatemala
 Naufrago de Itaca Ediciones, Venezuela
 Núcleo de Estudos Sociopolíticos da Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais, Brasil
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 Observatorio de Derechos Humanos de los Pueblos
 Observatorio por el Buen Trato a Personas Mayores en Quilpué, Chile
 Observatorio por el Cierre de la Escuela de las Américas – Chile
 Observatorio Venezolano DDHH Mujeres
 OCDIH, Honduras
 Organización Rural Cooperativa AGROTUANAIME, Colombia
 Parroquia Jesús Señor de la Vida – Santiago de Chile
 Partido de la Independencia y del Trabajo de Sénegal
 Partido Vanguardia Popular, Costa Rica
 Pastoral Cultural Sagrada Familia en Concepción, Chile
 Pastoral Social Iglesia Anglicana de México
 Pax Christi International
 Programa Casa Refugiados, México
 Programa de las Américas, Americas.ORG, México
 Programa Venezolano de Educación-Acción en Derechos Humanos
 Rebelión o Extinción Medellín, Colombia
 Red Acueductos Boyaca, Colombia
 Red de Esperanza y Solidaridad, Puerto Rico
 Red de Estudios y Empoderamiento Afrodescendiente -RedAfros-, República Dominicana
 Red de Mujeres Afros de Bayunca-REMABAY, Colombia
 Red de Solidaridad con Palestina, Costa Rica
 Red de Víctimas de la Patrulla Fronteriza, EEUU/MX
 Red Solidaria Década Contra la Impunidad AC, México
 REDIALOGO – Red de Mujeres Constructoras de Paz, Venezuela
 Resuena, Colombia
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Servicio Paz y Justicia, Paraguay
Servicio Paz y Justicia, SERPAJ, Argentina
Servicio Paz y Justicia, SERPAJ-Chile
Servicios y Asesoría para Paz, México
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Tinta Violeta, Venezuela
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GCOMS Earth Day Statement

April 22, 2023

We are entering a path of no return for humanity. Rising temperatures are modifying climatic patterns in a profound and extreme way. These alterations have direct repercussions on the habitability of territories and the maintenance of decent and sustainable living conditions for all. Millions of people are already experiencing the disastrous consequences of global warming. We are facing a gigantic challenge, an existential crisis of incredible dimensions that we do not seem to quite grasp. However, these are facts widely accepted and recognized by the scientific community. The pandemic was only a small preview of what our children and grandchildren, and especially the people of the Global South, will suffer.

Atmosphere carbonization, planet warming and environmental crises are out of control, while a large network of interests and global power has become even more apparent, including and connecting military and fossil energy businesses. By securing and protecting fossil fuel and predatory actors, military security becomes instrumentally responsible for and complicit in their environmental disasters. This web of interests promotes wars for the economic profit of a few, and works, directly and indirectly, to prevent measures that could alleviate both the planetary environmental crises and the suffering of millions of people. The planet and the environment will not be able to heal within this destructive and ecocidal scenario.

It's quite a radical dilemma. The real current challenges facing humanity, such as the climate crisis, pandemics, deforestation, floods, loss of biodiversity and many more, are global and cross-boundary, although they have their worst impacts on the regions and peoples that have contributed the least to the climate crisis – particularly in the Global South. There is no way of solving our existential problem as a species if we keep waging wars within and among countries. These emergencies require planetary solutions.

We therefore:

- Denounce both the large fossil industry corporations that have hijacked and co-opted world governments, and the hidden interests and pressures of the military-industrial complex.
- Urge politicians to act immediately. A real decarbonization plan can't wait any longer.
- Demand governments to drastically reduce their military expenditures. An effective decarbonization is impossible without a systematic global demilitarization, and a global reduction of military spending.
- Call on Civil Society Organizations to push for a new geopolitics that leaves behind violence and threats, creating structures for **global governance** based on **cooperation** and **ecofeminist** principles, and using **dialogue and negotiation** tools for conflict resolution.

There cannot be decarbonization without demilitarization, and both require depatriarchalizing our societies and power structures, as well as undertaking radical changes in our outdated, predatory economic system, in order to face a necessary **degrowth** and fall back into the ecological limits of our planet. Political decisions on military budgets in the coming years will determine the response that we give to the multiple crises in which humanity is immersed. It is obvious by now that our planet can't afford further militarization and warmongering. **War costs us the Earth.**

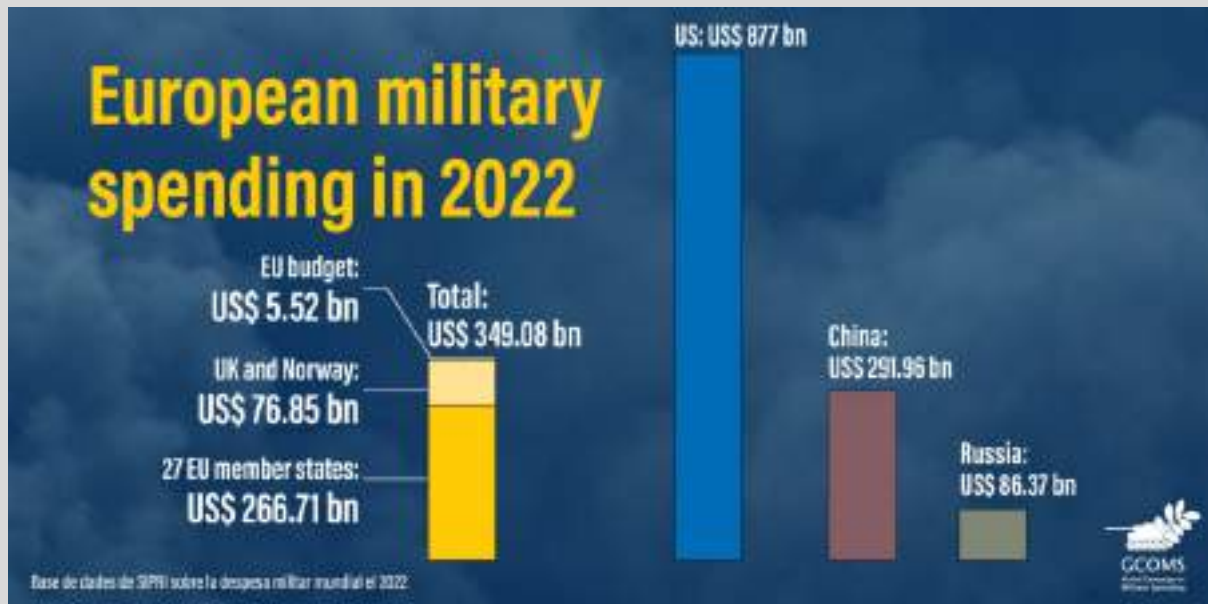
See also the *GDAMS [Appeal](#) 2023.*



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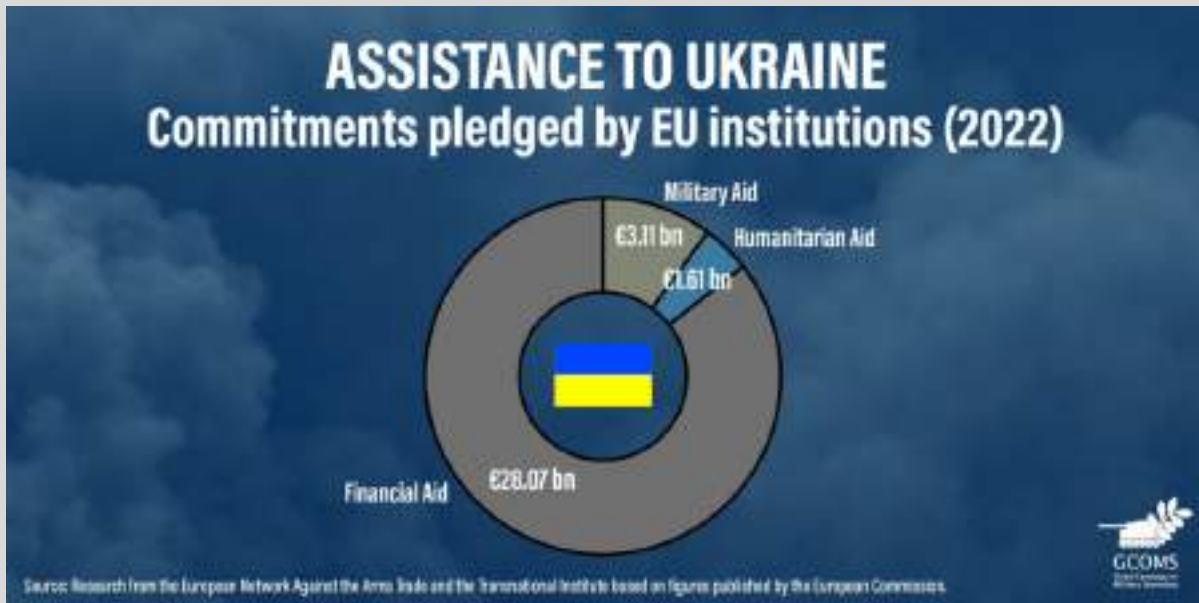
GCOMS Europe Day Statement

On May 9, Europe Day of Peace and Unity, we organized online actions to protest the militarization of Europe, together with ENAAT and the Transnational Institute (TNI) and other European friends and partners. We took action to protest military spending levels in Europe, which have increased 13% in the last year, as well as recently approved EU defense policies, which have pushed for a 183% increase in the EU military budget.



On Europe Day, which celebrates peace and unity, we call the EU to revert back to its initial aim: preserving and promoting peace through non-violent means and political cooperation, making war 'not merely unthinkable but materially impossible' (Schuman Declaration). Today however, the EU is on a very different path. From 2017 to 2022, aggregated military spending of EU countries rose by 23%, according to SIPRI. Adding UK's military spending makes EU countries the world's second largest military spender after the US and before China. For example, in 2017, the EU crossed a red line when for the first time in history it used its budget for military purposes, starting with half a billion € over 3 years and now exceeding 10 billion € for the period 2021-2027. In 2022 its military budget increased by 183%.

Its position in regards to the war in Ukraine is also proof of these militaristic policies: the EU has disregarded any attempt at mediation or peace negotiations, and spent at least €3.11 billion in delivering arms to Ukraine, twice as much as it has spent on humanitarian aid.



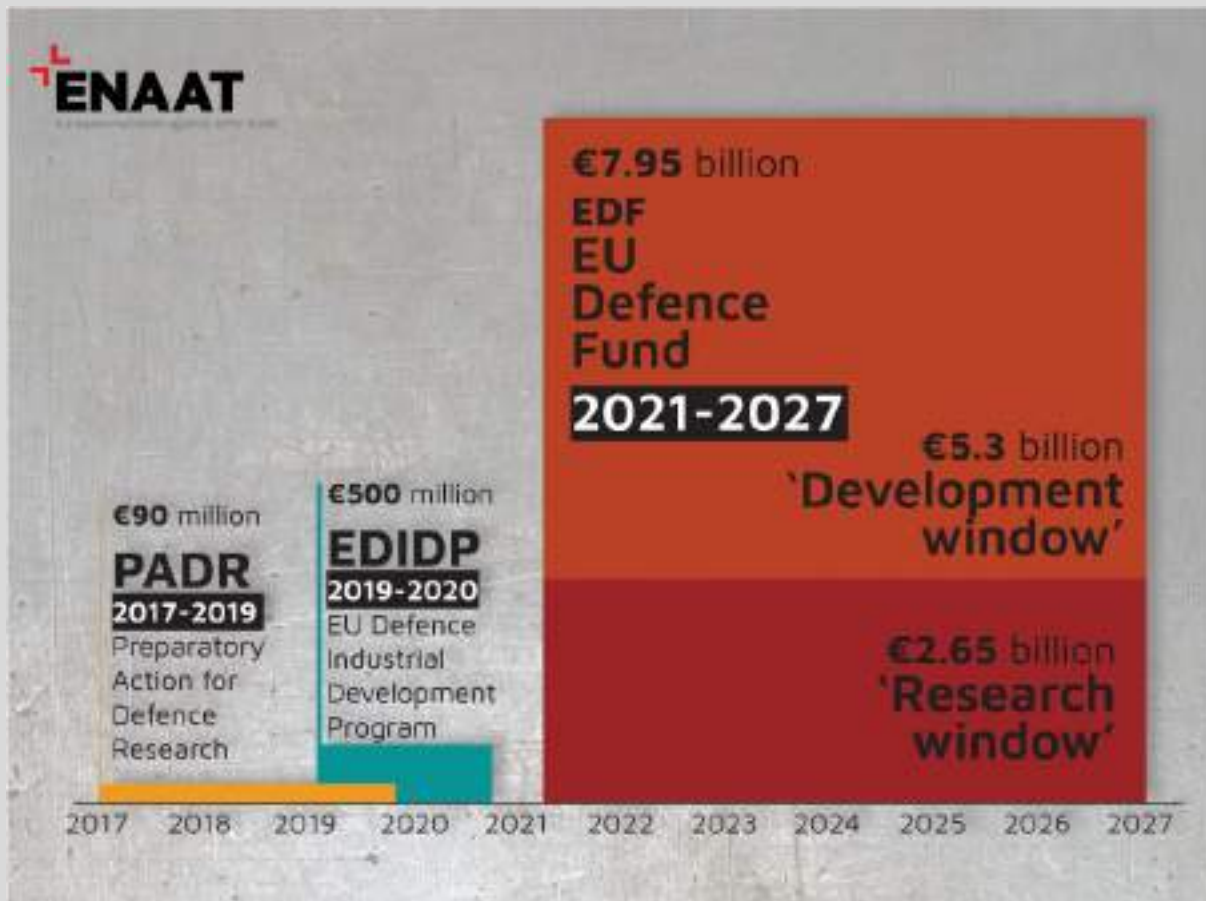
[#EuropeDay](#) marks 73 years since the Schumann declaration, which envisaged a Europe where war would be ‘not merely unthinkable but materially impossible’. Over 70 years later EU military spending is at its highest, yet we are further from peace than ever before.

As a bloc, EU member states, together with Norway and the UK are the second largest military spenders globally, after the US. Instead of investing in arms and fanning the flames of war, Europe must demilitarise public policy and prioritise peace.

[TNI](#)

9 May 1950: Schuman proposed pulling coal & steel production to avoid arms race and war in Europe. Today: EU dedicates billions to fund the arms industry, develop next generation of weaponry and ramp-up ammunition production.

EU militarisation is subsidising the arms industry, exacerbating the global arms race and preparing the wars of the future. We need mutual trust, diplomacy and cooperation, not another hard power. [ENAAT](#)



To know more about EU militarisation and how it all started, read our booklet for Rosa Luxemburg, available [here](#) in EN, FR, DE, ES & IT

You can download our GDAMS infographics [here](#).

IPB Press Release

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's (SIPRI) newest military expenditure data for 2022 shows yet another year of increase in global military spending, up 3.7 percent from 2021 to another all-time high of US\$ 2240 billion. With the Russian Invasion of Ukraine, increases in military spending in Europe and the Western world were certainly expected; however, with the release of this data an important question must be addressed: does the outbreak of war drive increases in military spending, or rather do the incessant, yearly increases in military spending drive conflict and war?

While there is certainly no direct or decisive answer to that question, we have to take this year's SIPRI data in the context of the geopolitical landscape of the past decades. What is crystal clear from this perspective is that constant increases in military spending have not fostered peace or peace processes in ongoing wars and have not prevented the outbreak of new, larger, and increasingly concerning conflicts such as the war in Ukraine. Likewise,

increases in military spending are completely unable to address the various security concerns at the forefront of our societies – from the effects of climate change and environmental degradation to protection from future pandemics and growing inequality and food insecurity in many parts of the world. And of course, the threat posed by countries upgrading their nuclear arsenals combined with increased rhetoric around the threat of the use of nuclear weapons and further expansion of illegal nuclear sharing to Belarus (already present in Western Europe under the US nuclear umbrella) puts our entire planet at risk.

In many other cases, from Saudi Arabia and Iran to Sudan and Burundi, and Japan and China, military expenditure increases have not helped to reduce growing tensions and violence. The United States and the NATO alliance, who together continue to account for the majority of global spending, have in particular been a source of growing global tensions. In the face of recent geopolitical developments, there needs to be an alternative to constant growths in military budgets; there needs to be a resurgence of funding for diplomatic efforts, for the reduction of global tensions, complemented by funding for peace advocacy, peacebuilding, just resolution, and just reconstruction of conflict zones. The current global military expenditure is more than enough to fund not only peace work, but also to address the UN's sustainable development goals (SDGs), including climate change, poverty, and hunger.

The world cannot continue on the path we are on. The International Peace Bureau, Global Campaign for Military Spending, and our global network of partners reject the logic of global leaders that preparing for war creates peace, we reject the role of the military-industrial complex in fuelling this continued growth, and we reject the view that there is no alternative. We urge the UN General Assembly to organize a special session on disarmament. We will use the Global Days of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) from 13 April until 9 May to make our message heard and promote peaceful alternatives to militarism and war.

You can download a PDF version of this text [here](#).



GCOMS UK Press Release

24 April 2023 by Dr Stuart Parkinson is Co-chair of the UK branch of the Global Campaign on Military Spending (GCOMS-UK) and Executive Director of [Scientists for Global Responsibility](#) (SGR). Read the original blog entry [here](#).

New data on global military spending – published today – shows that last year it grew by 3.7% above inflation to a massive \$2.24 trillion. The UK's percentage increase – 3.7% – was higher than its largest NATO allies – the USA, France, Germany, Italy, Canada, and Türkiye. The new spending data has been published by the [Stockholm International Peace Research Institute \(SIPRI\)](#).¹

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine has, of course, been a major factor in driving increases in the budgets of those nations and NATO countries – with a knock-on effect in other parts of the world. Despite the considerable rise of 9.2% in the Russian budget, it remains dwarfed by NATO spending – which is over 14 times its size.

The data reinforces the picture painted by [GCOMS-UK's analysis of the British government's budget in March](#).² This revealed an unpublicised increase of £1.5bn in 2022-23 compared with previously announced figures – which had themselves been considerably increased due to new military equipment spending and efforts to counter high inflation. This analysis also pointed out that the latest percentage rise in military spending had been higher than that for health, education, welfare, environment, overseas aid, or any other government department – and this during a cost-of-living crisis, with widespread strike action by public sector workers who are being told by the government that inflation-matching pay rises are unaffordable. Another notable figure from this analysis was that UK government **spending on the military was 8.7 times higher than that on energy security and climate change for the financial year 2022-23**. With the [UN Security-General declaring a 'Code Red for Humanity'](#) based on the latest scientific evidence on the climate threat – and calling on industrialized nations to bring forward their net zero plans by a decade³ – this high spending ratio is clearly a serious problem. Indeed, the situation has been made worse by recent British government approval for the exploitation of new oil, gas, and coal fields, and the prioritization given to energy technologies of particular interest to the military such as nuclear power and synthetic fuels.

The new SIPRI data signals that the governments of most of the wealthiest nations in the world – including the UK – continue to prioritize military spending at the expense of measures that bring real security – such as tackling poverty and inequality and the multiple environmental crises. This is exemplified, for example, by [a report by the World Food Programme which estimated that the food price inflation caused by the war in Ukraine had forced an extra 47 million people across the world into 'acute food insecurity'](#).⁴

Hence, GCOMS-UK echoes the [call from the International Peace Bureau \(IPB\)](#)⁵ urging all governments to prioritize the search for peace, a halt to arms races, and rapid, deep reductions in military spending.

Coinciding with the publication of the SIPRI figures are the Global Days of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) co-ordinated by the IPB. GCOMS-UK is supporting [GDAMS through protests around the country](#).⁶

Peace Movement Aotearoa Press Release

Global military spending increase: Militarism will cost us the earth

Despite the rapidly escalating climate emergency and humanitarian crises around the world, global military spending increased to its highest ever recorded level last year according to new figures released by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) today – the Global Day of Action on Military Spending.

SIPRI has estimated global military expenditure last year was at least \$2,240 billion (US) – a spending increase of 3.7% in real terms in 2022 (a 6.5% nominal increase in current prices without adjusting for inflation) – which averages out to more than \$6.1 billion (US) spent every day. [1]

By way of contrast, on average more than 13,600 children under the age of five died every day last year from mainly preventable causes – lack of access to adequate food, clean water and basic medicines – a figure UNICEF describes as an “immense, intolerable” loss of life. [2] This is one of the prices paid, the collateral damage that is seldom talked about, for maintaining armed forces in a state of combat readiness around the world.

It is inexcusable that many states – including New Zealand – continue to prioritize spending on combat-ready armed forces over human health and wellbeing, and care for the planet. Over the past few years both the COVID-19 pandemic and the rapidly escalating climate emergency have devastated lives and livelihoods around the world, highlighted and exacerbated systemic social, economic and political inequities, and exposed multiple flaws in government spending and other priorities, including the folly of maintaining armed forces in a constant state of combat readiness when there are so many other more pressing needs.

It is more obvious than ever before that military spending does nothing to address the major global threats and their local impacts, whether a pandemic, obscene levels of poverty and social inequity, or the climate catastrophe – instead, military spending diverts resources that could be put to far better use.

Every dollar of military expenditure is a dollar taken away from socially useful spending – a dollar that could be used to take real action on climate change, to ensure a decent standard of living for all, and to ensure health and social welfare systems can function well in national, regional or global emergencies: it is a dollar that could be used to save lives, to promote climate justice, flourishing communities and care for the planet, rather than being spent on endless preparations for war.

Now more than ever, with the future of life on earth at stake, states must work together to find sustainable solutions, instead of continuing to pour public money into wasteful destructive military activity – the ultimate in unsustainability, with military emissions estimated to be at least 5.5% of the global total.

The five largest military spenders in 2022 were the US (39% of the global total), China (13%), Russia (3.9%), India (3.6%) and Saudi Arabia (3.3%), which together accounted for 63% of world military spending. [1] Military expenditure decreased in Africa (-5.3%) last year, but increased in four of the five geographical regions, with the highest increase in Europe

(+13%), followed by the Middle East (+3.2%), then Asia and Oceania (+2.7%) and the Americas (+0.3). Overall in 2022, the military burden (military spending as a share of gross domestic product) globally was 2.2%. [1]

- New Zealand's military spending

While New Zealand does not feature in the SIPRI table ranking the highest increases in military spending around the world this year as it did in 2020 [3], that is simply because other states increased their spending by more, not because there has been any reduction in New Zealand's military spending.

Despite the urgent need for action on climate change, as well as the desperate need for increased funding for essential public services including health, education, housing and support for persons with disabilities, the New Zealand government continues to prioritize military spending.

In last year's 'Wellbeing' Budget, military spending was a total \$6,077,484,000 – an average of more than \$116.8 million every week, and a 10.4% increase on actual spending in 2021. [4] The specter of an additional \$20 billion (NZ) to be spent over the next decade on increased combat capability, warships and military aircraft continues to threaten the possibility of substantive action on human health and wellbeing, and climate justice. [4]

The ongoing prioritizing of military spending – whether here in Aotearoa or around the world – is a reflection of the destructive deadly ideology of militarism, which focuses on outdated narrow military security concepts that continue to harm the future of humanity and the planet, rather than real human security that meets the needs of all.

It is truly shameful that military spending continues to rise in the midst of ongoing social inequities, the rapidly worsening climate catastrophe and humanitarian crises: a transition from combat-ready armed forces to civilian agencies to meet the needs of all peoples and the planet is long overdue. [5]

The IPCC has warned that if we want to have a liveable future, taking the right action now is needed for the transformational change essential for a sustainable, equitable world [6] – clearly it is time to invest in the future for peoples and the planet, and budget for peace, not war. Unless there is an immediate and meaningful change in states' priorities, militarism will cost us the earth.

Read the original post on Peace Movement Aotearoa's [Facebook](#).

Global Actions

Africa

05/05/2023 8:00
am - 5:00 pm

Nouveaux Droits de l'Homme joined GDAMS 2023

Nouveaux Droits de l'Homme Cameroun joins GDAMS one more year, endorsing the 'War Costs Us The Earth' Appeal, sharing GDAMS materials on social media and participating in the banner campaign.

Also, the following article was published on the NDHC website: [Comment réduire les dépenses militaires et favoriser la création d'emplois?](#)

"War will not be able to protect us from the devastating effects of climate change. That's why we're urgently calling on state governments to drastically reduce their military spending and adopt foreign policies that will sustain peace"

"We need mutual trust, diplomacy and cooperation – the three components that are essential to tackle the global nature of the climate threat. Military expansion will exacerbate, not stem, the climate emergency! [#GDAMS](#) [#WarCostsUsTheEarth](#)"



Asia & Pacific

13/04/2023 -
09/05/2023

Street Action in Seoul by PSPD

Street action in front of the Ministry of National Defense.
Here one of the pictures of their action:



5.6 billion a minute, military spending that threatens peace and the planet!

"I believe that K-Defense will contribute to 'world peace through strength' beyond Korea," said Defense Minister Lee Jong-seop in a meeting with defense company CEOs on the 17th. Last year, South Korea earned a record \$17.3 billion in defense exports. A report on the defense market by the Korea Institute of Industrial Economics and Trade says the changes brought about by the Russian-Ukrainian war are a "stroke of genius" for emerging arms exporters like South Korea. According to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), civilian casualties in Ukraine have reached at least 21,300 over the past year, with Ukrainian and Russian military casualties topping 100,000. The war has created nearly 8 million refugees, more than 90% of whom are women and children. The promise to capitalize on the boom created by the war to make record profits - or, as some have called it, to "sell death" - is the naked face of "world peace through strength."

The phrase "peace through strength" always emphasizes deterrence. Stronger weapons are always followed by stronger weapons from the other side. Since his candidacy, President Yoon has been calling for a preemptive strike against North Korea and the strengthening of South Korea's THAAD system. On the 13th, North Korea test-fired a solid-fuel-based ballistic missile, which is difficult to detect in advance and cannot be countered by the THAAD system, which is supposed to catch the launch in advance and strike first. When THAAD was deployed in South Korea, China further expanded its missile system

with the introduction of the Dongfeng series of missiles. Strength begets strength, and strength begets stronger strength. "Peace by force" will only fuel this arms race and never bring peace to either side.

Those who say that peace requires a different approach to coexistence, such as dialogue and cooperation rather than deterrence, are labeled idealistic or unaware of reality. As the concept of "principalities" shows, whether it's brought back after five years or not, peace by force always emphasizes the enemy.

It is said that great power is necessary to defeat the enemy, and that casualties when that power is exercised are also inevitable. But what is really inevitable? Last month, as the largest South Korean-U.S. military exercises in five years got underway, North Korea responded with test launches of ballistic and cruise missiles. In response to North Korea's test launch of a solid-fuel missile, South Korea and the United States launched missile defense drills, and on the same day, Russia and China responded with large-scale exercises.

When South Korean President Yoon Seok-yol said on March 19 that South Korea could provide military support if there was a mass attack on civilians in Ukraine, a Kremlin spokesman hinted at possible retaliation, saying that such support would be considered intervention in the war. Great power confrontations escalate crises endlessly. This is the reality we have to face now, a crisis that would not be surprising if war broke out at any moment.

A global crisis is also no longer inevitable: "War Costs Us the Earth," the slogan of this year's World Disarmament Day international campaign, shows that human wars are clearly responsible for the global climate crisis. If the carbon footprint of the global military sector is calculated as if it were a country, it is about 5.5% of the global carbon footprint, ranking fourth behind China, the United States and India. According to the State of the World's Military Spending 2022, released today by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), military spending around the world reached \$2.24 trillion last year, up 3.7% from the previous year. In contrast, the total 2022 pledges to the Green Climate Fund, which industrialized countries pool to help developing countries reduce carbon and combat climate change, are only \$98.7 billion.

Military spending and arms races that feed on war only accelerate the war crisis and the global climate crisis. The price spikes and food and energy crises that followed the Russia-Ukraine war have taken a toll on the world, and yet countries have rushed to increase their defense spending.

South Korea's military spending in 2022 ranked ninth in the world, the first time in a decade that the country has moved into the single digits. In 2023, South Korea's defense spending will reach 57 trillion won, up

4.4% from the previous year. The global arms acquisition budget also increased significantly following the Russia-Ukraine war.

The "2023-2027 National Defense Medium-Term Plan" released by the South Korean Ministry of National Defense plans to spend a total of 331 trillion won on defense from 2023 to 2027, of which 107 trillion won will be spent on defense force improvement, an average annual increase of about 10.5%.

It is time to prioritize our limited budget and resources to address the climate crisis, eliminate social inequality, and build peace, not military expenditures. While military expenditures are increasing, the budget for reducing carbon emissions is woefully inadequate. The South Korean military has been found to emit more carbon than the rest of the country, yet it is not subject to public sector greenhouse gas reduction targets. Even under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the military is not required to report emissions statistics.

According to South Korea's 2023 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) progress report, South Korea has the lowest share of renewable energy among OECD countries and ranks fourth in greenhouse gas emissions per gross domestic product (GDP). Forests over twice the size of Seoul have been lost and the biodiversity index has declined. Income inequality between classes ranks 11th among OECD countries and the relative poverty rate ranks 8th, and continues to worsen.

Inter-Korean relations have taken a turn for the worst this year, the 70th anniversary of the armistice, yet non-military measures such as reconciliation and trust are nowhere to be found in the government's policy towards North Korea, and there is talk of nuclear weapons, let alone denuclearization of the peninsula.

Real crises that threaten lives and daily lives are the inevitable reality we face. It is no longer acceptable to increase military spending in the name of greater security.

On the 2023 World Day for Disarmament Action, we **demand**.

Let's use our resources to address real crises that threaten lives and livelihoods, not military spending. Let's redirect military spending to address climate change, build social safety nets, and prevent disasters. Let's end the arms race that exacerbates crises and create peace through peaceful means. Let's work to improve relations through phased disarmament and resumption of dialogue, not more weapons and military exercises that destroy trust.

Gangjeong Peace Network, Geumjeonggul Human Rights and Peace Foundation, Christian Youth Academy, Climate Crisis Christian

Coalition, Center for Refugee Rights, North-South Peace Foundation, Namyangju Women's Association, Green Party, Alternative Culture Coalition, Seongnam Women's Association, Women's Peace Movement Network, Citizens for Open Armed Forces, Yongin Women's Association, Icheon Women's Association, Justice Memory Coalition for the Resolution of Japanese Military Sexual Slavery, St. Francis Peace Center, Jeonbuk Green Alliance, World Without War, Political Mothers, Jeju Peace and Human Rights Center, Participation Solidarity, Youth Climate Emergency Action, Palestine Peace Coalition, Daejeon Parents for Equal Education, Pyeongtaek Peace Center, Peace Network, Women Making Peace, Peace Floor, Pisomo, Reconciliation and Reunification Committee of the National Council of Churches of Christ in Korea, Korean Women's Federation, Korea YMCA, Hanbe Peace Foundation, KIN (Global Compatriots) (35 organizations in total)

The Global Days of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) campaign is an international campaign that calls for reducing military spending and choosing peace, coinciding with the annual release of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's (SIPRI) World Military Spending Report, and has been supported by peace organizations around the world since 2011.

24/04/2023 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Online Forum: Militarism Will Cost Us The Earth in Wellington, New Zealand by Peace Movement Aotearoa

Has the rapidly escalating climate emergency finally shifted governments' thinking away from narrow outdated notions of military security based on endless preparations for war towards prioritising spending on human health and wellbeing, and care for the planet?

Join us online on Monday, 24 April, from 1pm to 2pm, to discuss the new global military spending figures on the day they are released, the implications for peoples and planet, and issues around military spending in Aotearoa New Zealand in advance of Budget 2023.

Registration: If you would like to participate, you must register at <https://bit.ly/gdams23> by 10am on Monday, 24 April – thank you
Links for sharing: [Facebook](#); [Twitter](#);



25/04/2023 8:00
am - 5:00 pm

Onboard Day of Action in Japan by Peace Boat

Peace Boat joined GDAMS during their 114th voyage, appealing for peace in Ukraine.

During the onboard day of action for May 5, there'll be lectures and workshops and participants are planning to take a photo to show Peace Boat's support for GDAMS.

Peace Boat will also translate the GDAMS infographics to Japanese.

During the Civil7 ahead of the G7, there were some events related to the cost of nuclear weapons, and GDAMS was also included in an event Karen Hallows (Peace Boat representative) was speaking at Asia Pacific University for Earth Day on April 22.

Peace Boat also endorsed and shared the GDAMS 2023 Appeal.



01/05/2023

Music Video of 2023 GDAMS from the Philippines by Stop The War Coalition Philippines

To promote the GDAMS 2023 campaign, the organization Stop The War Coalition Philippines created a [video](#).

Our thanks to Delfin Pilonos, Victoria Valdez-Pilonos, Matthew Victor Pilonos and [@corafabros!](#)



06/05/2023 3:00
pm - 4:30 pm

Asean Civil Society Conference/ Asean People's Forum in Jakarta, the Philippines by ASCS/APF

A discussion on People and Human Security by Ms. Corazon Fabros.

09/05/2023
11:00 am -
12:30 pm

GDAMS rally in Brisbane, Australia by Just Peace Queensland

A GDAMS rally at the offices of the Federal Australian Treasurer, Dr. Jim Chalmers.

Here is the flyer, which has been distributed:

WAR COSTS US THE EARTH

APRIL 17 - MAY 12
SDAMS
2023

**NO AUKUS
NO NUCLEAR
SUBMARINES
NO WAR ON
CHINA**

Demand your money back from the Feds

When: 9 May 2023 11am - 12:30pm

Where: Hon Dr Jan Chalmers MP Office
Unit 2A, Logan Central Plaza
38-74 Wembley Road
Logan Central, QLD, 4114

Enquiries: Mike 0449706296



Europe

19/04/2023 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Vigil I in London by London Women in Black

Vigils at the Edith Cavell statue will focus on military spending/ climate justice/move the money for on the 19 and 26 April. Will be inviting people to take selfies with a move the money option, military or... All are welcome.

Here some pictures from the vigil:



21/04/2023 7:00
am

Leafleting in London by CND Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament , XR Peace, Extinction Rebellion

XR's The Big One around the Houses of Parliament is just one week away! Join CND and the XR Peace collective as we take a stand against nuclear weapons and militarism and stand up for the planet! Join CND to leaflet about nuclear weapons outside the Ministry of Defence.

21/04/2023 10:00
am -5 pm

Workshops, People's Assemblies, and Creative Actions in London by CND Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament , XR Peace, Extinction Rebellion

Join CND and the XR Peace collective as we take a stand against nuclear weapons and militarism and stand up for the planet!

A series of workshops, people's assemblies and creative actions in the green area off Whitehall and Richmond Terrace.

GCOMS will be speaking at 2:15 pm.

Here is the flyer:



Here some pictures of the event:





21/04/2023 7:00
pm - 8:00 pm

**Online Event: Military Spending - What can Quakers say and do?
by Northern Peace Friends Board**

Military spending – what can Quakers say and do? Online briefing and meeting.

We are approaching a period when campaigners around the world will be contributing to the **Global Campaign on Military Spending** through 'Days of Action'. Quakers, through NFPB and QPSW, are part of the UK working group on this.

We have set up a short online event to introduce the campaign to those who wish to know more, and to explore ideas/hear about possible Quaker activities.

22/04/2023

**March in London by CND Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament ,
XR Peace, Extinction Rebellion**

XR's The Big One around the Houses of Parliament is just one week away! Join CND and the XR Peace collective as we take a stand against nuclear weapons and militarism and stand up for the planet! XR Peace will join a march for biodiversity in central London.

22/04/2023

Earth Day Action in Oslo by IKFF

By acknowledging the International Earth Day on 22. April 2023, the organization Internasjonal Kvinneliga for Fred & Frihet promotes our GDAMS 2023 Appeal.

22/04/2023 6:00
pm

Sant Jordi Conference and Debates in Barcelona

Here the flyer:



23/04/2023

March in London by CND Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament , XR Peace, Extinction Rebellion

XR's The Big One around the Houses of Parliament is just one week away! Join CND and the XR Peace collective as we take a stand against nuclear weapons and militarism and stand up for the planet! The Big One coexists with the London Marathon as it cuts across Parliament Square, providing an exciting opportunity to engage with the huge crowds of spectators.

See pictures in this [Flickr gallery](#).

24/04/2023

Workshops and Creative Actions in London by CND Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

XR's The Big One around the Houses of Parliament is just one week away! Join CND and the XR Peace collective as we take a stand against nuclear weapons and militarism and stand up for the planet! CND returns to the MoD and Parliament for more workshops and creative actions.

Here some pictures of the march:



24/04/2023

Press Conference in Berlin by International Peace Bureau

Discussion of the new data on military spending from a German perspective.

24/04/2023

SIPRI Figures Social Media Storm by International GCOMS steering group

On the 24th of April [Stockholm International Peace Research Institute](#) will release the latest global military spending figures, the first to indicate the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The international GCOMS steering group has called for a huge social media response to get the message out. Let's get peace trending!

24/04/2023

Online Support from Madrid by Justicia y Paz España

Justicia y Paz España supported Centre Delàs during the press conference on the recently published SIPRI data on military spending.

They tweeted: "Razones por las que el es un desastre para la lucha contra el cambio climático [@DemilitarizeDay](#) 1. Cuando aumenta, también lo hacen las emisiones de GHG 2. Desvía recursos de financiación para el clima 3. Significa militarizar un cada vez+inestable [@TNI](#) [@nickbuxton](#)"

24/04/2023

Online Support from Manchester by Demilitarise Education

The organization Demilitarise Education supported GCOMS spreading its GDAMS 2023 Appeal.

They tweeted: "When we underfund education, the unethical interests of private arms companies prevail. Support [@DemilitarizeDay](#) and [@GCOMS_UK](#) to share what you'd rather the government spend

their money on. [#WarCostsUsTheEarth](#) [#FundPeaceNotWar](#)”

24/04/2023

Online Support from Amsterdam by Stop Wapenhandel

By spreading the GDAMS 2023 appeal on Instagram and translating it into Dutch, the organization Stop Wapenhandel supported the campaign.

24/04/2023 10:30
am - 11:30 am

Barcelona Press Conference by Centre Delàs

Press conference in Barcelona organized by Centre Delàs of Peace Studies to analyze the newly released data on military spending. Here the fyer:



24/04/2023 11:00
am

Online Discussion in Rome by Rete Italiana Pace e Disarmo

The organization Rete Italiana Pace e Disarmo held a online discussion on the new released military expenditure by SIPRI.



24/04/2023 11:00
am - 11:45 am

Online Forum: La Guerra Ci Costa Un Mondo!, online in Italy by Rete Italiana Pace e Disarmo

Discussion on the recently released data on military spending by SIPRI.



24/04/2023 6:00
pm - 7:00 pm

Online Intervention on Arms Industry, from Italy by The economy of Francesco, Business and Peace

Arms Industry: Current overview and possible solutions for a more peaceful planet.

Agenda:

- Words of welcoming, Business and Peace Village. Ricardo and Gala

- Presentation of the panelists.

- Participation of father Tojeira: ethics and morality behind the funding of arms and war.

- Participation of Jordi Calvo: processes of financing of wars, what goes behind and the intentions behind it.

- Participation of Rondine Cittadella della Pace
- Dialogue and open space for questions.
- Closing of the session.

24/04/2023 7:00
pm

Round Table in the Context of the Day “Contrast the Industry of Wars and Borders” with Ainhoa Ruiz in Bilbao by Marcha Mundial de las mujeres de Euskal Herria

The Marcha Mundial de las mujeres de Euskal Herria calls a Day of Feminist Solidarity against the war and border industry in Bilbao. Ainhoa Ruiz Benedicto, a research member of the Delàs Center for Peace Studies, will participate in the round table held within the framework of the conference, “Contra la Industria de las guerras y las FRONTERAS”, together with Koldobike Velasco and Mariana Zaragoza.

Here the flyer:



25/04/2023

Action in Lleida, Spain by Coordinadora d'ONGD de Lleida

Article on global military spending, see [here](#) for more detailed information.

They tweeted: “La despesa militar real espanyola per al 2023 serà de 27.617 milions, més del doble del que s’ha assignat al Ministeri de Defensa i per sobre del 2% del PIB que exigeix l’OTAN”.

25/04/2023

Podcast in Barcelona by Medicus Mundi Mediterrània

A [podcast](#) on global military spending.

25/04/2023

Online Support from Valencia by Antimilitaristes MOC València

Online support by Antimilitaristes MOC València.

They tweeted: “2.240.000.000.000.000 de oportunidades perdidas de atender los problemas y las emergencias reales, y una apuesta por perpetuar la guerra y un mundo más peligroso e injusto [#GDAMS](#) [#WarCostsUstheEarth](#) [#LaGuerranosCuestalaTierra](#)”

[#SeguridadHumana](#)

25/04/2023 2:00
pm - 3:00 pm

Online Webinar “Mismatch or on Track: Does Global Military Spending Align with National Security Priorities” by United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) is pleased to invite you to an online webinar ‘Mismatch or on track: Does global military spending align with national security priorities’, organized in cooperation with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

On 24 April, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute will release its new data on global military expenditure for 2022. Global military expenditure is expected to continue to rise as many states have announced record levels of spending increases amid violent conflicts and rising tensions. In a world with growing non-conventional insecurities, these increases reflect a perception of a deteriorating security environment where states continue to seek greater military strength and deterrence.

This online webinar will provide an opportunity to learn about the latest trends in global military spending and examine these considering the most pressing national and global security threats and international peace and security agenda items. It aims to discuss the following questions:

1. What are the main factors driving increases in military spending levels?
2. Could spending allocated for military needs be used to address broader security challenges and priorities as defined by governments?
3. What role does transparency play?

Speakers:

- Dr Diego Lopes da Silva, Senior Researcher, Military Expenditure and Arms Production Programme, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
- Mr Xiao Liang, Research Assistant, Military Expenditure and Arms Production Programme, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
- Professor Mary Kaldor, Emeritus Professor of Global Governance and Director of the Conflict Research Programme at The London School of Economics and Political Science
- Ms Alexandra Marksteiner, Associate Political Affairs Officer, Conventional Arms Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Moderated by Ms Alexandra Kuimova, Researcher, Conventional Arms and Ammunition Programme, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

26/04/2023

Support from Oslo, Norway by Norges Fredsrad

The organization Norges Fredsrad joined the GDAMS campaign on

Instagram: “[#SIPRI](#) har sluppet sin årlige rapport om verdens militære utgifter.

“Kontinuerlig øking i verdens militære utgifter signaliserer at vi lever i en stadig mer usikker verden,” sier Dr. Nan Tian, seniorforsker ved SIPRI med ansvar for SIPRI Military Expenditure Database. (transl.: “Continuous increases in global military spending signal that we are living in an increasingly insecure world,” says Dr. Nan Tian, Senior Research Fellow at SIPRI responsible for the SIPRI Military Expenditure Database.)

Report: <https://shorturl.at/qMRX4>

Summary: <https://shorturl.at/efp49>

Last winter we wrote about the world being on the brink of an arms race. It is undeniably still relevant

@gcoms looks at the report in the light of climate finance. Recommended!

#gdams #warcostsustheearth”

26/04/2023 6:00
pm - 7:00 pm

Vigil II in London by London Women in Black

Vigils at the Edith Cavell statue will focus on military spending/ climate justice/move the money for on the 19 and 26 April as well as 3 May. Will be inviting people to take selfies with a move the money option, military or... All are welcome.

Here some pictures from the vigil:



27/04/2023

Roundtable on Twitch El Salto in Madrid, Spain

Members of Centre Delàs discussed the global military spending in a roundtable on twitch.

Tweet: “¡#SaltoElFuego ya está en directo en el Canal de Twitch de @ElSaltoDiario! Hoy hablamos de gasto militar y objeción fiscal junto a compañeras del SIOF, @DemilitarizeDay, Cuerpo Consciente-IRG. Síguelo ahora <https://twitch.tv/elsaltodiariona>“

Also available in YouTube:

▶ (S)Alto el fuego! 🔥 01x06 Gasto Militar Mundial y Objeción Fiscal



28/04/2023 9:00 pm

Conference in Luino, Italy by Tavolo per la Pace dell'Alto Verbano

Disarmo: Bussalo della Pace

Conference with don Renato Sacco, national councilor of Pax Christi and Vito Alfieri Fontana, a former landmine maker turned deminer, who worked in Bosnia and Kosovo.

03/04/2023

Vigil III in London by London Women in Black

Vigils at the Edith Cavell statue will focus on military spending/ climate justice/move the money for on the 19 and 26 April as well as 3 May. Will be inviting people to take selfies with a move the money option, military or... All are welcome.

Here some pictures from the vigil:



05/05/2023

Event in El Puerto de Santa Maria, Spain by El Área de Paz y Solidaridad de Ecologistas en Acción, El sindicato USTEA, El grupo pacifista Elaia-AAMOC, APDH-Andalucía, La Plataforma Ni guerras ni OTAN

Event at the premises of Ecologists in Action in El Puerto de Santa Maria with the theme: GDAMS campaign against military spending and tax objection to military spending.

05/05/2023

Newsletter in Madrid, Spain by Justicia y Paz España

The organisation supported the campaign by publishing a weekly [newsletter](#).

Among others, they wrote:

El 9 de mayo termina el periodo de acción contra el gasto militar GDAMS «**La guerra nos cuesta un mundo**» y desde la campaña nos proponen **3 acciones muy sencillas**: 1. Firma de Llamamiento por organizaciones [aquí](#) 2. Fotografía para campaña online: [más detalles](#), 3. **El 9 de mayo es el Día de Europa de la Paz**, y aprovecharemos la ocasión para protestar por la creciente militarización del continente (su gasto militar creció un 13% el año pasado) y las políticas militaristas de la UE (el presupuesto militar comunitario creció un 183% en 2022). [Aquí](#) podéis encontrar algunas infografías que ayudan a visualizar todo esto.

09/04/2023

Roundtable in Granada, Spain by IPAZ, Instituto Universitario de las Paz y los Conflictos, Universidad de Granada

A roundtable about “The Price of War: Global Military Spending and Alternatives from civil resistance” (original title: “El precio de la guerra: gastos militares globales y alternativas desde la resistencia civil”)

Speakers:

Quique Sánchez Ochoa. Researcher at the Delàs Center for Peace Studies: “Presentation of the Global Campaign on Military Spending. (GCOMS)”; Chloé Meulewaeter. Researcher of the Delàs Center for Peace Studies and Council Member d’IPB: “Latest trends in global military spending”; Diego Checa Hidalgo. Dept. of Contemporary History and Institute of Peace and Conflict, University of Granada: “Alternatives to war from nonviolent civil resistance”.

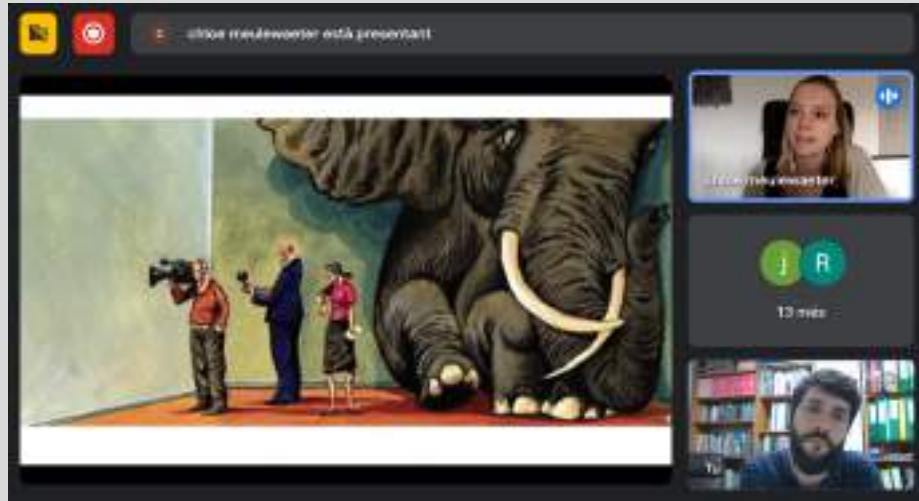
Date and time: Tuesday 9 May 2023, 18:30 h.

This session will be held by videoconference and will use [Google](#)

[Meet](#)

More information here:

<https://ipaz.ugr.es/miradas-al-mundo-sesion-no-128-mesa-redonda-el-precio-de-la-guerra-gastos-militares-globales-y-alternativas-desde-la-resistencia-civil/>



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Mesa redonda:
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LA GUERRA NOS CUESTA UN MUNDO

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Conferencia: "Presentación de la Campaña Global sobre el Grupo Militar: GCOMS"
Centro Deusto de Estudios por la Paz

Charla: "Últimas tendencias del gasto militar mundial. Vínculos entre militarismo y crisis medioambiental"
Centro Deusto de Estudios por la Paz

Diego Checa Hidalgo: "Alternativas a la guerra desde la resistencia civil no violenta"
Dpto. Historia Contemporánea e Instituto de la Paz y los Conflictos, Universidad de Granada

Esta sesión se realizará por videoconferencia.
Se empleará la aplicación Meet de Google.
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9 MAYO 2023
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UNIVERSIDAD DE GRANADA
Instituto Universitario de la Paz y los Conflictos, UGR

09/04/2023 6:30 pm

Street actions in Asti, Italy by Rete Welcoming Asti

The organization Rete Welcoming Asti participated the GDAMS 2023 campaign by street actions and the slogan: 'The world is starting a mad arms race' (transl. Il mondo sta iniziando una folle corsa alle armi).

11/05/2023

Photo action in Andalucía, Spain by APDH-Andalucía APDHA tweeted:

'La guerra nos cuesta la Tierra'

'War costs us the Earth'

Como habéis podido comprobar durante estos últimos días, la campaña impulsada por [@DemilitarizeDay](https://www.demilitarize.org/) ha recibido numerosas muestras de apoyo. Y, por ello, hemos creado este precioso collage

(Translation: As you have been able to see over the last few days, the campaign launched by @DemilitarizeDay has received numerous expressions of support. And, because of that, we have created this beautiful collage.)



25/10/2023 3:00
pm

**Online conversation from London, UK by SCRAP WEAPONS,
SOAS Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy**

A conversation on the Arms Industry discussing the laws and regulations governing the arms trade and the conditions which have allowed an increase in global military spending.

The event took place on 27th April. Further discussions will be on 22th 2pm, and 25th May 3pm.

10 June - 11 June

**International Summit for Peace in Ukraine - IPSUkraine 2023 by
IPB**

The goal of the Peace Summit is to publish an Urgent Global Appeal, called the Vienna Declaration for Peace, calling on political leaders to act in support of a ceasefire and negotiations in Ukraine.

The summit will have different parts:

A conference to discuss the controversial questions related to the Russian-Ukrainian war, to hear the voices of civil society representatives of the various NATO countries, as well as representatives from Russia and Ukraine who support the aims of the Peace Summit.

Participants from the Global South will share the dramatic consequences this war has had for the people in their countries and emphasize how they can contribute to peace. The Conference will

focus not only on critics and analysis, but also on creative solutions and ways to end the war and how to prepare negotiations. This is not only the task of states and diplomats but nowadays more and more also of global society.

The conference will include a combination of lectures, working groups, expert groups, and dialogues.

After the summit a march in Vienna to the various NATO-country embassies, as well as the embassies of Russia and Ukraine and international organizations located in Vienna will take place to meet with embassy representatives and deliver the Vienna Declaration for Peace from people around the world;

The summit will also be supported by a send-off for delegations to visit the capitals of various European countries with the purpose of meeting with government officials and international organizations. Also, further events for late 2023 will be developed.

→ [Learn more about IPSUkraine 2023 here](#) ←

Registrations available [here](#).



16/05/2023 7:30
pm - 9:00 pm

Belgium (Ghent)

Vredescafé #11: Europese militarisering by Vrede

In het kader van de 'Global Days of Action on Military Spending' (GDAMS) -een internationale campagne tegen de gigantische proporties van de wereldwijde militaire uitgaven- organiseren we een Vredescafé over de voortschrijdende militarisering van de Europese Unie.

Vrede vzw stelt vast dat de oorlog in Oekraïne een enorme impuls heeft gegeven aan het militarisme en de militaire budgetten in Europa. Met het 11e Vredescafé op 16 mei willen we wat dieper ingaan op deze nefaste trend.

Programma

- Na een korte inleiding van Vrede-woordvoerder Ludo De Brabander over de Belgische militaire uitgaven;
- zullen drie experten, waaronder Mark Akkerman en Wendela de Vries (onderzoekers bij Stop Wapenhandel), elk een korte presentatie geven over de verschillende aspecten van de Europese militarisering.
- Daarna kan het publiek in dialoog gaan met de sprekers in drie ronde tafels.

Praktische info

- Het Vredescafé gaat door in de foyer van De Expeditie (Gent).
- De deuren en de bar gaan open om 19 uur. Het evenement start om 19u30.

- Bekijk het Facebook-event [hier](#).
Deelnemen is gratis, maar gelieve in te schrijven via eva@vrede.be

South America

13/04/2023 -
09/05/2023

Online Actions in Chile by SERPAJ Chile

Serpaj Chile joins GDAMS one more year, by endorsing our Appeal and posting on their social media.

“Social inequality, the climate crisis and injustice are serious problems affecting millions of people around the world. Yet military spending continues to be exorbitant, pouring millions into weapons and conflicts.

That is why, as every year, SERPAJ Chile joins the global campaign Against Military Spending 2023 under the slogan “War costs us the Earth”, an initiative inspired by the International Peace Bureau (IPB) and coinciding with the annual report of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). The aim is to raise awareness among society and political authorities about the excessive military spending that countries allocate each year as part of their budgets.

This year, the call is to drastically reduce military spending and invest in social and human security, especially those linked to environmental protection. War and militarism have left a trail of destruction, pain and suffering around the world, and are also responsible for approximately 5% of global greenhouse gas emissions. Armed conflict leads not only to death and destruction, but also to environmental devastation.

It is time for a shift in focus towards the demilitarization of public policies, including those aimed at addressing the climate crisis, and the implementation of measures focused on common security to protect people and the planet.

The purchase of armaments contributes to an increased sense of violence in society, and the presence of weapons and militarization fosters a culture of fear and violence, normalizing the idea that conflict resolution must be through force.



25/04/2023

Support from Iberoamérica by AIPP

Online support from the organization Alianza Iberoamerica por la paz AIPP.

They tweeted: “En 2022 el mundo gastó 2,24 billones \$ en lo militar

según @SIPRIorg. Aunque nuestros gobiernos puedan argumentar que ese gasto en “defensa” es necesario, al final nos dejará indefensos ante la amenaza existencial que supone la crisis climática. [#WarCostsUsTheEarth](#) [#GDAMS](#)“

09/05/2023 8:00
am - 5:00 pm

Online Support from Paraguay by SERPAJ Paraguay

SERPAJ Paraguay joined GDAMS and shared its message and a signature campaign on their social media. Pedimos que los gobiernos de nuestro continente reduzcan o eliminen el gasto militar y comprometan esos fondos para el bienestar social, en legitimar esfuerzos de paz, de amistad, de unidad, cooperación, y multilateralismo, que nos alejen de la amenaza de la guerra, la destrucción y del aniquilamiento. Lo que se necesita son fondos suficientes para el goce de los derechos humanos, la protección de los recursos naturales para la acción colectiva, para la solidaridad, para abordar conjuntamente las emergencias globales de nuestro tiempo.

Sumate a la campaña y firmá la petición

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10/05/2023

Online support from Paraguay by SERPAJ Paraguay

The organization SERPAJ Paraguay supported the GDAMS 2023 Campaign by posting on Instagram.

Pedimos que los gobiernos de nuestro continente reduzcan o eliminen el gasto militar y comprometan esos fondos para el bienestar social, en legitimar esfuerzos de paz, de amistad, de unidad, cooperación, y multilateralismo, que nos alejen de la amenaza de la guerra, la destrucción y del aniquilamiento. Lo que se necesita son fondos suficientes para el goce de los derechos humanos, la protección de los recursos naturales para la acción colectiva, para la solidaridad, para abordar conjuntamente las emergencias globales de nuestro tiempo. Sumate a la campaña y firmá la petición en el link en nuestra bio.

(Translation: We ask that the governments of our continent reduce or eliminate military spending and commit those funds to social welfare, to legitimize efforts for peace, friendship, unity, cooperation, and multilateralism, which will keep us away from the threat of war, destruction and annihilation. What is needed are sufficient funds for the enjoyment of human rights, the protection of natural resources, for collective action, for solidarity, to jointly address the global emergencies of our time.)

Join the campaign and sign the petition in the link in our bio.)

15/05/2023 8:00
am - 5:00 pm

Carta por la Paz, Chile by Derecho a una vida en paz (Chile)

The organization promoted the GDAMS 2023 Campaign by collecting signatures:

Campaña Firmas:

(Abajo puedes firmar. La carta será entregada posteriormente y se agregarán las firmas de organizaciones y personas que adhieran)

Sres. Presidentes de América Latina, El Caribe y de América del norte
De nuestra consideración,

Las organizaciones y personas firmantes apoyamos la Campaña Internacional Contra el Gasto Militar. Por lo anterior, queremos señalar lo siguiente:

1.- De acuerdo a información del Instituto Internacional de

Investigación para la Paz de Estocolmo (SIPRI), el gasto militar mundial del año 2022 alcanzó su máximo histórico llegando a un total de 2.240 millones de dólares. En nuestro continente, los países que más gastaron fueron Brasil con 20.210 millones de dólares; Colombia con 9.937 millones de dólares; México con 8.535 millones de dólares; Chile con 5.566 millones de dólares; Perú con 2.845 millones de dólares; y Argentina con 2.577 millones de dólares. En América Central y el Caribe, el gasto militar ascendió a 11.200 millones de dólares. En América del norte, Estados Unidos fue el país que más gastó, tanto en nuestro continente como en el mundo, llegando a 876.943 millones de dólares y Canadá 26.896 millones de dólares.

2. – Mientras hay dinero para el gasto militar la pobreza se mantiene o aumenta en todos nuestros países a causa de la inflación, del pago de la deuda externa, entre otros graves problemas que viven muchos de nuestros países. El informe Panorama Social 2022 proyectó que 201 millones de personas (32,1% de la población total de la región) viven en situación de pobreza, de los que 82 millones (13,1%) se encuentran en pobreza extrema. Al mismo tiempo, la FAO ha señalado que cerca de 60 millones de personas pasan hambre en nuestro continente y 131 millones de personas en la región no pudieron costear una dieta saludable.

3.- Lola Castro, directora regional del WFP (Programa Mundial de Alimentos) de la ONU, señaló que “La inseguridad alimentaria seguirá aumentando por la crisis de los precios de los alimentos y de los combustibles causada por el conflicto en Ucrania y las secuelas de la COVID-19”.

4 – La guerra por muy lejos que esté nos afecta a todos. Levantamos nuestras voces y apoyamos los esfuerzos diplomáticos de diálogo y negociaciones para lograr acallar las armas y lograr que llegue la paz entre Rusia y Ucrania, en Yemen, en Sudán, en Palestina, como en otros países que viven conflictos armados.

5 – La verdadera seguridad que necesitan nuestros países, la región, como del mundo, radica en el bienestar social, económico y político de toda la población, en el respeto entre todas las naciones, y en el establecimiento de garantías de protección y seguridad común para todos.

6 – La militarización, como la carrera armamentista, sólo destruye la confianza entre nuestros pueblos y socava los esfuerzos de fraternidad, cooperación y solidaridad entre nuestros países que deberían mirarse como hermanos y no como enemigos.

7 – Exhortamos a nuestros Estados a revitalizar los esfuerzos de integración en nuestro continente, especialmente en la CELAC y UNASUR, para que de manera mancomunada se realicen esfuerzos contra las verdaderas amenazas que enfrentan nuestros pueblos que viven la violencia y la pobreza como consecuencia del neoliberalismo, del saqueo permanente de los recursos naturales, y de la depredación que realizan las grandes Corporaciones y sus Megaproyectos Extractivistas en nuestros territorios.

8 – Finalmente, pedimos que los gobiernos de nuestro continente reduzcan o eliminen el gasto militar y comprometan esos fondos para el bienestar social, en legitimar esfuerzos de paz, de amistad, de unidad, cooperación, y multilateralismo, que nos alejen de la amenaza de la guerra, la destrucción y del aniquilamiento. Lo que se necesita son fondos suficientes para el goce de los derechos humanos, la

protección de los recursos naturales (el ecosistema), para la acción colectiva, para la solidaridad, para abordar conjuntamente las emergencias globales de nuestro tiempo.

Atentamente,

[Here](#) is the link to the form.

More than 110 organizations have signed the carta.





North America

- 06/04/2023 10:00 **Tabling at Unitarian Society, Northampton, Massachusetts by Taxes for Peace New England**
 Tabling at Unitarian Society (220 Main St., Northampton, MA 01060).
 Rain date is April 7th at Noon. Sponsored by [Taxes for Peace New England](#).
- 07/04/2023 12:00 **Stations of Justice, Nonviolence, Peace and the Love of Humanity in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by Brandywine Peace Community**
 "Stations of Justice, Nonviolence, Peace, and the Love of Humanity."
 At Lockheed Martin: Mall & Goddard Boulevards, King of Prussia

(behind King of Prussia Mall). Sponsored by Brandywine Peace Community.

- 12/04/2023 18:30 **Tabling in Albuquerque, New Mexico by War Tax Resisters**
Tabling outside the University of Mexico Student Union.
- 15/04/2023
7:30-9:00 am **Sign-holding in Portland, Oregon by War Resisters League**
Sign-holding on Portland bridges (Burma Shave Style). Meet at E. Burnside and MLK Jr. Blvd. Sponsored by War Resisters League – Portland.
- 15/04/2023 11:00
am **Penny Poll in Lancaster, Pennsylvania by 1040 for Peace**
Penny Polls in City Center Square. Organized by [1040 for Peace](#) – Penny Poll where the public can “vote” on how they’d like to have their federal taxes spent.
- 15/04/2023 11:00
am - 12:00 pm **Tax Day Protest in Greenfield, Massachusetts by Traprock Center and MAPA**
Tax Day protest dedicated to the theme of the militarized, immoral discretionary federal budget. The event will feature a sound system, musicians, banners and signs, as well as handouts on the federal budget and JFK’s peace speech plus a tent for speakers and musicians. It is sponsored by Traprock Center and cosponsored by MAPA.
- 15/04/2023 12:00
pm **Vigil in Harrisonburg, Virginia by Shenandoah Valley Taxes for Peace**
Shenandoah Valley Taxes for Peace has organized a War Tax Resistance/Redirection vigil at LOVE Park next to the Harrisonburg Farmers Market (228 S Liberty St.). The group will publicly redirect resisted war taxes to peace and justice organizations. Anybody is welcome to join us – even if you are not a war tax resister but have concerns about the share of the federal budget going to military spending. For more information, contact Tim Godshall.
- 15/04/2023 12 pm
- 1 pm **Bake Sale in Milwaukee, Wisconsin by Milwaukee War Tax Resistance, Casa Maria Catholic Worker, Peace Action of Wisconsin**
Bake Sale for Military Victims and protest against federal tax dollars for war, U.S. Army Reserve, 5130 W. Silver Spring Dr. Sponsored by Milwaukee War Tax Resistance, Casa Maria Catholic Worker, & Peace Action of Wisconsin. For more info, contact Lincoln at Casa Maria.
- 16/04/2023 11:00
am **Penny Poll in Cedar Falls, Iowa by War tax resisters**
War tax resistance lit table and Penny Poll at the Cedar Valley Unitarian Universalist during their 11am fellowship.
- 16/04/2023 4:00
pm **Medea Benjamin speaks on Ukraine in Hudson, New York by Code Pink, Global Exchange, Women Against War**
War in Ukraine: Making sense of a senseless conflict, Time and Space, Free to members, \$7 non-members

- 17/04/2023 **Support from Toronto, Canada by VOW Canada**
 The organization Canadian Voice of Women for Peace supported the GDAMS 2023 campaign on Instagram:
 “We, at VOW, support the Global Days of Action on Military Spending, and call on the Canadian Government to reduce military spending and prioritize decarbonization and peace. This year of war in Ukraine has meant a huge boost for militarism and military budgets across the world, especially in countries of the Global North. But at GCOMS we believe the response should be quite the opposite: we should drastically reduce military spending and invest in common & human security instead...
 The 12th edition of the Global Days of Action on Military Spending will take place from April 13 to May 9, 2023. Join us protesting military budgets & warmongering, and take action for peace & justice! These dates include:
- 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”
- 17/04/2023 11:00 am - 12:20 pm **Medea Benjamin speaks on Ukraine in Troy, New York by Code Pink, Global Exchange, Women Against War**
 Call for Diplomacy in Ukraine: Not More War, Sage College, for free
- 17/04/2023 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm **Medea Benjamin speaks on Ukraine in Albany, New York by Code Pink, Global Exchange, Women Against War**
 War in Ukraine: Making sense of a senseless conflict, The Sanctuary at the College of St. Rose, for free
- 17/04/2023 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm **Medea Benjamin speaks on Ukraine in Albany, New York by Code Pink, Global Exchange, Women Against War**
 Untangling the web of war in Ukraine: The challenge for Journalists, University at Albany, for free
- 17/04/2023 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm **Vigil outside federal building in South Bend, Indiana by Michiana War Tax Refusers**
 Vigil outside Federal Building at Jefferson and Main. Sponsored by Michiana War Tax Refusers. For more information, contact Peter Smith.
- 17/04/2023 7:00 pm **Medea Benjamin speaks on Ukraine in Albany, New York by Code Pink, Global Exchange, Women Against War**
 Untangling the web of war in Ukraine: The challenge for Journalists, First Unitarian-Universalist Society of Albany, for free
- 18/04/2023 7:00 am - 8:00 am **Protest in Tucson, Arizona by Nuclear Resister**
 Peace vigil at Raytheon Missile Systems at corners of Nogales Highway and Hermans Road. Vigil and parking is on the NORTH side of the Hermans Road entrance to the plant (3rd traffic light south of Valencia on Nogales Highway, the extension of South 6th Avenue). Park on the gravel off northbound Nogales Highway, between railroad tracks and highway, (closer to the highway than the railroad tracks)

north of Hermans Road.

Organized by the [Nuclear Resister](#) – Signs provided or bring your own. Tax dollars for health care and education, not missiles!

In April, 2020 the Pentagon named Raytheon Missiles and Defense in Tucson as the sole-source contractor for a multi-billion dollar program to develop and produce the Long-Range Stand-Off (LRSO) missile, an all-new nuclear-armed cruise missile to be launched from the wings of warplanes. Production of this missile violates the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which entered into force in January 2021. Among many such documented examples, part numbers on shrapnel recovered at the scene confirm that a laser guided “smart” bomb made at Tucson’s Raytheon plant killed 23 people attending a wedding in northern Yemen in April 2018. The majority of casualties were women and children.

Raytheon Missiles and Defense is the most profitable division of the corporate war profiteer Raytheon Technologies. With its headquarters and largest factory in Tucson, Raytheon Missiles and Defense employs more than 13,000 of our Southern Arizona friends and neighbors.

18/04/2023 10:00
am - 5:00 pm

Information table in Brattleboro, Vermont by Taxes for Peace New England

WTR information table outside the Brattleboro Food Coop, 2 Main Street. Sponsored by [Taxes for Peace New England](#). For more information, contact Daniel Sicken.

18/04/2023 11:00
am - 12:20 pm

Medea Benjamin speaks on Ukraine in Troy, New York by Code Pink, Global Exchange, Women Against War

Call for Diplomacy in Ukraine: Not More War, Sage College, for free

18/04/2023 11:00
am - 1:00 pm

Vigil and Leafleting in St. Louis, Missouri by War Tax Resisters

Vigil and leafleting at IRS building, 1222 Spruce Street. For more information contact Chrissy Kirchhoefer.

18/04/2023 11:00
am - 3:00 pm

Leafleting in Chico, California by War Resisters League

Leafleting WRL pie charts outside the downtown post office (141 West Fifth Street).

18/04/2023 12:00
pm

Vigil and Leafleting in Manhattan, New York by NYC War Resisters League, Extinction Rebellion

Vigil and leafleting at 26 Federal Plaza in front of the Federal Building on Broadway stretching down to the IRS office at 290 Broadway and Duane Street. The vigil will be followed by a march to the financial district to call out the criminal corporations that profit from war. Sponsored by NYC War Resisters League, Extinction Rebellion, and others.





For more pictures about the vigil, [here is a google photos album](#).

18/04/2023 12:00
pm

Rally, Leafleting, Banners and Penny Poll in Eugene, Oregon by Planet vs Pentagon

“Let’s Use Our Taxes for a Better World” rally at Howland Plaza, 1st & Madison; featuring leafleting, banners, and a penny poll. Banners will say “No War,” “Diplomats not Bombs in Ukraine,” “The US Pentagon is the biggest Polluter in the World,” and a huge bar graph showing how much money goes to the Pentagon versus life affirming programs. Sponsored by Planet vs Pentagon.

19/04/2023 12:00
pm

Medea Benjamin speaks on Ukraine in Albany, New York by Code Pink, Global Exchange, Women Against War

The war in Ukraine: Untangling a senseless war ... detailing its impact on women, co-sponsored by the Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department, Institute for Research on Women & UUP Albany Chapter, University at Albany, for free

22/04/2023 12:00
pm

Rally, Parade, a Marching Band in Eugene, Oregon by Planet vs Pentagon

We will join local environmental groups at the Federal building for a rally, march/parade, a marching band, and more. Banners will say “No War,” “Diplomats not Bombs in Ukraine,” “The US Pentagon is the biggest Polluter in the World,” and a huge bar graph showing how much money goes to the Pentagon versus life affirming programs. Sponsored by Planet vs Pentagon.

27/04/2023 1:15
pm - 2:45 pm

Side event at the 2023 ECOSOC Youth Forum in New York, US by UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), SIPRI, International Peace Bureau, UN Youth

SIDE EVENT AT THE 2023 ECOSOC YOUTH FORUm:
“Disarmament for Development: Rebalancing Military Expenditure

with Development Priorities”

Through an examination of these issues, the event will discuss the opportunity cost of excessive military spending and how this relates to the achievement of Agenda 2030 and specifically SDG 17 (partnerships for the Goals), which has been selected by Member States for in-depth discussions at the 2023 High-Level Political Forum.

Agenda:

3 min Opening remarks Ivor Fung (UNODA)

8 min Setting the stage: recent trends in military expenditure Nan Tian (SIPRI)

30 min Panel discussion on: What actions could be taken to redirect funds? What are the consequences of military expenditure on the full implementation of Agenda 2030 and specifically SDG 17?

towards initiatives to advance the SDGs? How are young people contributing to disarmament and arms control?

Panelists: HE Lachezara Stoeva (TBC), Patrick Karekezi (youth representative), International Peace Bureau, Christelle Barakat (youth representative), as well as Nan Tian (SIPRI).

15 min Q&A, moderated by Alexandra Marksteiner (UNODA)

3 min closing remarks & Showing Spesterra Youth Video Challenge winner’s work by Chief RDIOB / Y4D

20 min Networking session

Banners and social media material


This year’s campaign banner and social media material featured the slogan “War Costs Us The Earth”. Endorsers were sent a social media toolkit with a) banner layouts, b) access to a filter applicable for Instagram and Facebook, as well as c) suggestions for social media posts and hashtags.

- **Banners:**

One of the main social media actions was the Banner action. Those who participated printed or downloaded the banner layout and filled in their answer to the question how they would spend this year’s amount on military spending. The banner was available in English, French, Spanish, and Catalan. The artwork was realized by ESCIF, who gave permission for its use to GCOMS and its partners. Find out more about the artist on his [Instagram](#).

ARTWORK: ESCIF


If I had 2 trillion \$, I'd give a budget to:



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GLOBAL DAYS OF ACTION ON MILITARY SPENDING

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@DemilitarizeDay

IPB's Global Campaign on
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- **Social media filter**

The filter, applicable for Instagram and Facebook, begins after an interaction randomly to shuffle possible options on how to spend this year's military spending. Mental health, human rights, refugee's rights, gender equality, tackling climate change, affordable housing and protecting the oceans were among those possible solutions.

While the filter had a reach of 719 impressions, people have opened the campaign's filter 233 times. Out of those, almost 100 users took a video or a photo. More than a half of those using the campaign's filter come from the US. Here follows one of the possible outcomes after using the filter:



- **Suggestions for Hashtags and Tweets /PAD**

Here listed you can find post suggestions used in this campaign. The PAD was also available in Spanish.

In 2022 the world spent 2.24 trillion US\$ on the military according to [@SIPRIorg](#). Although our governments may argue that such “defense” spending is necessary, it will ultimately render us defenseless in the face of the existential threat posed by the climate crisis. [#WarCostsUsTheEarth](#) [#GDAMS](#)

2.24 trillion \$ in armies & weapons! It’s time to demand governments to drastically reduce their military expenditures. An effective decarbonization is impossible without a systematic global demilitarization and a massive reduction of military spending. [#WarCostsUsTheEarth](#) [#GDAMS](#)

According to [@SIPRIorg](#) our govts currently spend more than 2.24 trillion \$US on militarisation, but military expansion will only cause and exacerbate, never stem, the climate emergency. War leads not only to death & destruction, but also to climate breakdown [#WarCostsUsTheEarth](#) [#GDAMS](#)

Besides their carbon footprint, military structures contribute to the climate crisis by: **1** diverting resources away from envir.&social sectors **2** protecting big oil & waging resource wars **3** repressing envir. activists & refugees **4** lobbying for the military-industrial complex agenda

We urge the governments to implement human and common-security-centered policies that protect people and the planet and not the profit-driven agenda of the arms and fossil fuel industries!

[#WarCostsUsTheEarth](#) [#GDAMS](#)

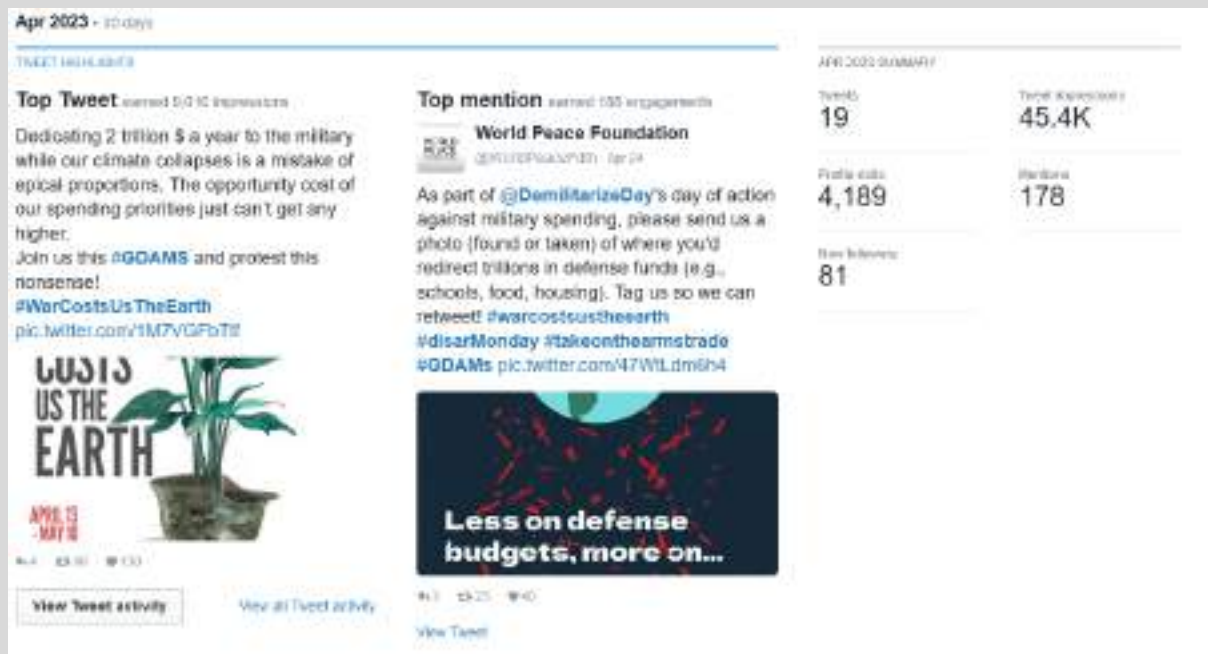
In 2022, the total spending by all NATO members exceeded 1.23 trillion \$USD and accounted for 55% of the world's total. USA spending accounts for 71% of NATO's total. How much more should NATO spend to deter its 'rivals'? [#GDAMS](#) [#WarCostsUsTheEarth](#)

[#WarCostsUsTheEarth!](#) When our governments spend 2.24 trillion US\$ on militarisation, they leave us defenseless in the face of the climate crisis. There cannot be decarbonization without demilitarization. [#GDAMS](#)

We need mutual trust, diplomacy and cooperation - the three components that are essential to tackle the global nature of the climate threat. Military expansion will exacerbate, not stem, the climate emergency! [#GDAMS](#) [#WarCostsUsTheEarth](#)

The world spent 2.24 trillion US\$ on the military last year. Political decisions like this determine the response we give to the multiple crises in which humanity is immersed. It's obvious by now that our planet can't afford further militarization & warmongering [#GDAMS](#) [#WarCostsUsTheEarth](#)

After the social media storm several insights were available. For instance, the reach of Twitter posts in April and May were definitively higher than usual: While in May the numbers subsided, in April GDAMS had 4,189 profile visits and 45,400 tweed impressions.



May 2023 - 30 days so far

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet retweeted 1,620 | 16,000 impressions

On Europe Day, which celebrates peace and unity, we call the EU to revert back to its initial aim: preserving and promoting peace through non-violent means and political cooperation, making war 'not merely unthinkable but materially impossible' (Schuman Declaration). (1 of 4)
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Top mention retweeted 211 | 2,111 engagements

Centre Delàs
 ¿Qué harías con los 2 billones de \$ de gasto militar global?
 Súmate a las acciones de los Días Globales de Acción sobre el Gasto Militar
[@DemilitarizeDay](https://www.demilitarize.org)

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 #LaGuerraNosCuestaUnMundo #GDAMS pic.twitter.com/kodNTDGNKx



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MAY 2023 SUMMARY

Tweets	12	Tweet impressions	8,129
Profile visits	2,213	Retweets	48
New followers	3		

No new followers in May
 Grow your audience and deliver your content to more people on Twitter.
[Learn more about increasing your followers](#)

Coordination Team + Steering Group

Since 2017, the Global Campaign on Military Spending (GCOMS) has been coordinated by Centre Delàs for Peace Studies and by IPB's office in Barcelona (Spain). The coordination team is formed by officers, researchers and volunteers of both organizations and works in coordination with IPB's Berlin and Geneva offices and with its own International Steering Committee.

The International Steering Committee (ISC) is formed by some IPB officers and Board and Council members and by the most active GCOMS partners. The GCOMS steering committee meets online periodically to coordinate actions, especially during the GDAMS period.

Its members are:

- Angelo Cardona, **IPB Youth Network & Council Member**
- Amela Skiljan, Germany, **International Peace Bureau**
- Chloé Meulewaeter, **Centre Delàs of Peace Studies**
- Corazon Fabros, Philippines, **Stop the War! Coalition**
- Cyrille Rolande, Cameroon, **Nouveaux Droits de l'Homme**
- Dave Webb, UK, **Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)**
- Denis Doherty, Australia, **Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN)**
- Edwina Hughes, New Zealand, **Peace Movement Aotearoa**
- Francesco Vignarca, Italy, **Rete Italiana Pace e Disarmo**
- Jordi Calvo, Spain, **Centre Delàs of Peace Studies / IPB Barcelona**
- Joseph Gerson, U.S.A., **Campaign for Peace, Disarmament and Common Security**

- Luke Addison, UK, **Peace Jam**
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- Nathalie Gauchet, France, **Mouvement de la Paix**
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- Karen Hallows and Rika Watanabe, Japan, **Peace Boat**
- Sean Conner, Germany, **International Peace Bureau**
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You can learn more about who we are [here](#).

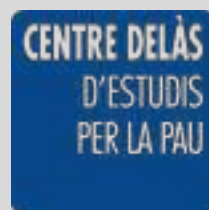
We want to express our most sincere gratitude to all partners, collaborators, sympathizers and friends who contributed to GDAMS 2023.

All of your actions, despite the hardship of these times, are proof of the strong commitment to peace and disarmament of our worldwide social movement.

Thank you, and see you next year!



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