DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

CHANGE OF PRIORITIES FOR THE POOR

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Military Spending in 2011

- US$ 1738 billion
  - Modernization of nuclear weapons $700 billion in next 10 years
  - Arms trade $85 billion per annum
  - Volume of 10 biggest armament groups $300 billion

Source: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
Military Spending in 2011
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The biggest military spenders are

US (41%)
China (8.2%)
Russia (4.1%)
UK (3.6%)
France (3.6%)
Japan (3.4%)
Saudi Arabia (2.8%)
India (2.7%)
Germany (2.7%)
Brazil (2%).
Military Spending in 2011

- US: First decrease since 1998 (1.2%)
- Moderate increase in Asia and Oceania (2.3%)
- Falls in Western and Central Europe (1.9%)
- Large increase in Eastern Europe (10.2%)
- Substantial increase in the Middle East (4.6%)
- Moderate decrease in Latin America (3.3%)
- Large increase in Africa (8.6%)
Military Spending Greece

- In 2011 military budget over $4 billion – equals 4.3% of GNP (Germany: 1.7% GNP)
- $1 billion armament products and debths for purchased military aircrafts and tanks
- Indebted to whom?!
Numbers Relating to Hunger and Poverty

- Worldwide, app. 925 million people are suffering hunger (FAO, September 2010)
- In 29 countries, the hunger problematic is very severe – that is in almost every 6th country in the world (Worldhunger-Index (WHI) 2010)
- Two thirds of the people suffering hunger live in only seven countries: Bangladesh, China, DR Kongo, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia und Pakistan. (FAO, September 2010)
- In developing countries, 195 million children under 5 years are under-developed (WHI 2010)
- Over 90% of under-developed children live in Africa (WHI 2010)
- 129 Million children in developing countries are underweight (WHI 2010)
- 42% of underweight children worldwide live in India (WHI 2010)
- Annually, app. 2.2 million children worldwide die of the consequences of underweight and mal-nourishment – that makes 6.027 children daily! (WHI 2010)

The shear has increased.
What has peace to do with environment and development?

- **Conflict dimension:** In 2011 20 wars and 38 highly violent conflicts (Institute for conflict research, Heidelberg) – that is a historically unique number
- Climate, water, food – dialectical sense
- Global problems reinforce conflicts
- Conflicts reinforce global problems
MDG (modest) only to be realized in peace and with comprehensive disarmament

1. End poverty and hunger
2. Universal education
3. Gender equality
4. Child health
5. Maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS
7. Environmental sustainability
8. Global partnership
Military Spending versus MDGs

Different ways of calculating cost of MDGs
- World Bank: $40-$60 billion a year until 2015
- UN Millennium Project: $120-$190 billion a year until 2015

UNODA: 5% of global military spending per year is enough to reach MDGs by 2015
Peace must be placed on the agenda - again

Initiatives of INES and others on occasion of Rio+20 Summit on Sustainable Development

a. Appeal of 500 signatories
b. Tank made of bread
The signatories of this Appeal demand that the governments of the world seriously address this neglected issue, and agree on a global plan for disarmament at the Rio Summit in July 2012. The freed-up funds should be used for social, economic and ecological programmes in all countries. Starting in 2013, military spending should be cut back substantially, that is, by a minimum of 10 percent per annum. The aim is to launch a dynamic towards sustainable development, which could start by establishing an internationally managed Fund with a capital of more than $150 billion.
At the UNCSD Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro:

**A Tank Made of Bread**

Food for thought on poverty eradication
- Disarmament for Sustainable Development
Sustainable development Goals (SDG)

- Debate after Rio plus 20
- Procedere by UN: national and international process
- Disarmament must be a goal
- Peace and security accepted – limited progress
How to shift money?

- Partnerships with sectors who will benefit from the shift: Development agencies, environment organizations, health workers, ...

- Together put pressure on parliamentarians and governments

- Actions: Global Day of Action on Military Spending 2013 on April 15th – be apart of it
  
  www.demilitarize.org
Conversion Program

- For civil and sustainable production, consumption and services
- 10 biggest arms trade concerns have over 1 million employees
  - EADS 100.000, BAE 220.000 employees
  - USA: every 2nd engineer and every 3rd scientist works in the armament business sector
  - Germany: 80.000 employees in arms business sector

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