

Appeal for “Disarmament for Development”

PRESS RELEASE

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On the occasion of the second “International Day against Military Spending” on 17 April, Nobel Prize Laureates from peace and science as well as public figures from trade unions and NGOs made an international public appeal for “Disarmament for Development.” They demand a disarmament plan for development and to include the issue of “peace” in the agenda of the World Conference Rio plus 20 in June 2012.

Among the first signatories of the appeal are: Prof. Dr. Ana Maria Cetto (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico), Noam Chomsky (Institute Professor, MIT, USA), Prof. Dr. Johan Galtung (Right Livelihood Laureate 1987, Norway) and Prof. Dr. Walter Kohn (Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry 1998, USA).

Among the signatories of the appeal from Germany are Prof. Dr. Ulrich Bartosch (Federation German Scientists, VDW), Prof. Dr. Gerhard Ertl (Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry 2007), Prof. Dr. Hartmut Graßl (Former Director of Max Planck Institute for Meteorology), Otto Jäckel (Chair IALANA, German Section), as well as Peter J. Croll (Director of the Bonn International Center for Conversion, BICC).

Please refer to the following link for the exact wording of the appeal:

<http://www.inesglobal.com/disarmament-for-sustainable-development.phtml>

BICC’s Global Militarization Index (GMI) offers additional data and facts on global military spending:

<http://www.bicc.de/our-work/gmi.html>

For more information on German arms exports:

<http://www.bicc.de/ruestungsexport/>

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