

International Peace Bureau 2012 Disarmament Survey

National Measures and Efforts

1. Disarmament Education

1. The UN Secretary General has sent out biennial invitations to states to submit information on Disarmament Education. Does *your country* have a disarmament education strategy and disarmament education programs? If so, can you share any details with us?
2. Do you have other programmes which encourage citizen participation and activity on disarmament matters?
3. Does *your country* have a University dedicated to the Study of Peace, which can provide degrees in various aspects of peace studies from undergraduate through the graduate level?
4. If not, does *your country* have Universities which have full peace studies departments which can issue degrees at either the undergraduate or graduate level?
5. Does *your country* have national military academies and if so, does their curricula addresses disarmament?

2. Disarmament & Development

1. The UN Secretary General has sent an annual request to member states for information “regarding measures and efforts to devote part of the resources made available by the implementation of disarmament and arms limitation agreements to economic and social development” by the member state in the preceding year. Do you see this issue as relevant (please explain why or why not)?
2. How does your disarmament mandate effect decisions to acquire arms within your state?
3. Has *your country* recently taken any action to reduce the size of your armed forces? If so, what has been the analysis of the savings to government expenditures? Were there concurrent cuts in social expenditures in *your country* ?
4. Does *your country* support the *Costa Rica Consensus* (bit.ly/Ojwy1c) which would develop a mechanism for debt relief to developing countries that reduce their military spending?
5. Has *your country* ever considered the appointment of a Minister for Peace or Disarmament?

3. Disarmament mandate & Governance

1. Where is the legal mandate for disarmament, and its disarmament policy, created in *your country* ?
2. What actions for disarmament have been mandated by your parliament/legislature?
3. Have any disarmament structures been created by your parliament/legislature in order to fulfill the requirements of disarmament conventions (such as the Mine Ban Treaty).
4. Has your parliament/legislature created legislation related to your countries participation in a nuclear weapons free zone?
5. Has your parliament/legislature created legislation on compensation to victims of war (either within or external to the borders of your country)?

4. Non-military national service

1. Does *your country* have a national, non-military voluntary service for youth to assist in national development and poverty alleviation activities?
2. Has *your country* developed a civilian stand-by capacity to assist UNOCHA through the *White Helmets Initiative*? If not, would you like more information regarding WHI?
5. What is the most important action *your country* can undertake to support the ultimate goal of general and complete disarmament (elimination of weapons of mass destruction and most major conventional weapons)?
6. Does *your country* participate annually in the United Nations transparency initiatives in support of general and complete disarmament- the U.N. Register on Conventional Weapons and Report on Military Expenditures? If not, what are the obstacles to your doing so?

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