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As an agency of The Canadian Council of Churches, we provide the Council and its members with analysis and information on peace and security issues of concern to them and assist them in shaping an ecumenical response to those issues. In addition, we are specifically mandated to directly engage policymakers, in Ottawa as well as elsewhere, in developing the policies and practices that will build peace and prevent war. The cornerstone of this policy work is analysis based on factual, carefully researched information. The policies and approaches that we advance are well reasoned and, as much as possible, take into account opposing views. We recognize that to be effective we must actively put forward credible policy alternatives – not so much by promoting completely formed and finely honed policies, but by participating in, and helping to generate, a milieu of inquiry in which policy alternatives can be proposed, debated, and refined in the presence of alternative perspectives and policymakers.

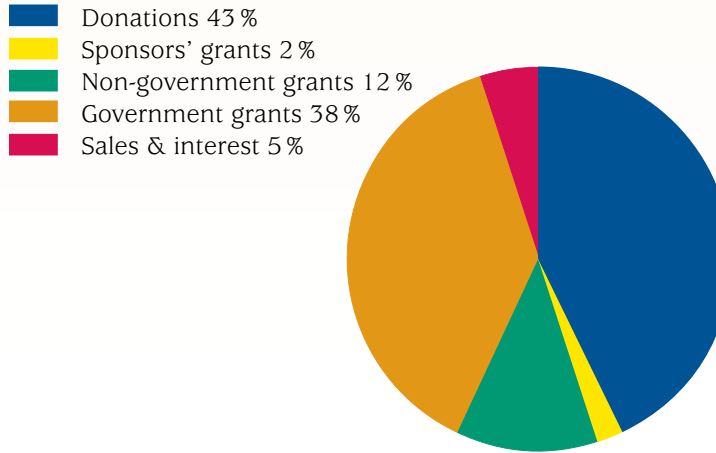
Program implementation is frequently carried out in collaboration with other nongovernmental organizations, in Canada and internationally. Project Ploughshares is a member of the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, the Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee, the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Mines Action Canada, the International Action Network on Small Arms, as well as other working groups. Our policy work on peace and security issues is informed and strengthened through direct involvement with partners in conflict zones.

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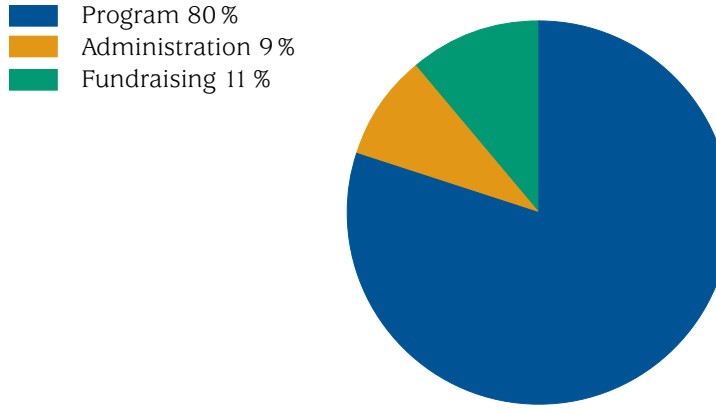
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Project Ploughshares

Breaking the war cycle



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It is time to turn our backs on the unilateral search for security, in which we seek to shelter behind walls. Instead, we must persist in the quest for united action to counter both global warming and a weaponized world. These twin goals will constitute vital components of stability as we move toward the wider degree of social justice that alone gives hope of peace. To survive in the world we have transformed, we must learn to think in a new way. As never before, the future of each depends on the good of all.

100 Nobel Laureates, December 2001



A session of the Project Ploughshares 30th anniversary symposium. "Canadian Responses to Contemporary Threats to International Peace and Security."



John Siebert, Executive Director, Project Ploughshares; Ambassador Bethuel Kiplagat, Executive Director, Africa Peace Forum (Nairobi, Kenya); Ambassador Ochieng' Adala, Senior Program Officer, Africa Peace Forum; Ernie Regehr, Senior Policy Advisor, Project Ploughshares. Amb. Kiplagat was the featured speaker at the symposium luncheon on 10 November.

In December 2001, on the 100th anniversary of the Nobel prize, 100 Nobel laureates issued a brief but dire warning of the "profound dangers" facing the world. Their warning that global survival depends on new ways of thinking and acting goes to the heart of the urgent work and mandate of Project Ploughshares.

The Nobel laureates named two goals: the first, preventing the global climate change that promises to, and already does, further imperil the lives of the most vulnerable; and the second, countering a weaponized world.

It is toward their second goal that we in Project Ploughshares devote our commitment and energies. Our work is directed to the challenge of reversing weaponization at international, national, and local levels, and to advancing credible alternatives for resolving conflicts and building conditions for sustainable peace with justice.

On 9-10 November 2006 we marked the 30th anniversary of Project Ploughshares with a series of events in Waterloo. Professor Paul Rogers was the keynote speaker for a public lecture on 9 November, and the symposium during the day on 10 November was followed by a celebration banquet in the evening to mark the anniversary and Ernie Regehr's contribution to Project Ploughshares as co-founder and former Executive Director. It was thrilling to celebrate 30 years of Ploughshares' work for peace with so many friends and supporters.

We on the staff and board of Project Ploughshares consider ourselves very fortunate to be part of such a caring and committed group of Canadians across this country, who join with us in building a safer and more just world.

Mandate

The name and mandate for Project Ploughshares come from the ancient biblical vision of Isaiah, which sees the material and human wealth consumed by military preparations for war transformed into resources for human development – a transformation that goes to the roots of war itself:

God shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. Isaiah 2:4

Project Ploughshares was established in 1976 as an agency of The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC) to work with churches and related organizations, as well as governments and nongovernmental organizations, in Canada and internationally, to identify, develop, and advance approaches that build peace and prevent war, and promote the peaceful resolution of political conflict.

Program

The peacemaking and peacebuilding initiatives of Project Ploughshares are organized under four themes that flow from the call to pursue peace and its application to contemporary peace and conflict problems. Our program focuses on the pursuit of policies and practices designed to:

- advance the elimination of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction that are a threat to local and global security,
- progressively reduce the resort to military force in response to political and social conflict,
- advance controls on the supply of arms to reduce the availability of the weapons that transform political and social conflict into war and violence, and
- support positive measures to build conditions of sustainable peace that enhance the security of people in their homes and communities.





Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction

Nuclear Disarmament and Nonproliferation

Nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament were prominent issues on the public agenda in 2006 and the subject of a series of articles and briefings by Ploughshares staff. North Korea and Iran present the most urgent nonproliferation challenges and we offered background and analysis to help our constituency understand the issues, and to encourage Canada to continue to be a voice in defence of nonproliferation principles. With the US-India nuclear cooperation deal approved by the US Congress, there is pressure on Canada to follow the US example, essentially recognizing India as a nuclear weapon state rather than continuing to insist that it, along with Israel and Pakistan, join the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as non-nuclear weapon states. Ploughshares staff prepared analysis and participated in consultations with the Department of Foreign Affairs on the India nuclear issue and will continue to do so in 2007.

During 2006 we prepared a joint paper with Veterans Against Nuclear Arms, *Nuclear Disarmament: An Action Agenda for Canada*. The paper reviews the current international nuclear disarmament agenda and recommends policy priorities for Canada. After its publication in spring 2007, we will arrange a meeting with the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development.

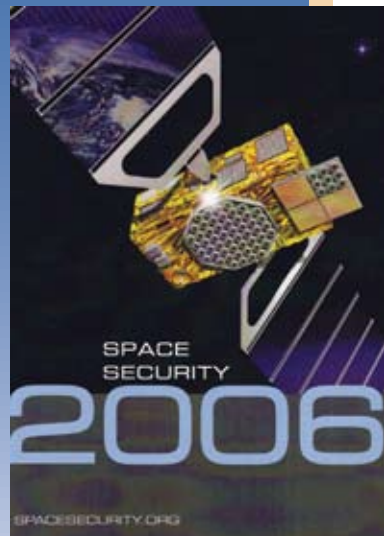
We continued to monitor developments in disarmament forums, notably the Geneva-based Conference on Disarmament (CD). In March 2006 Ploughshares hosted an international meeting of NGOs, experts, and officials to explore ways of ensuring continued CD progress toward substantive negotiations on the Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty and the prevention of an arms race in outer space. For the first time in many years the CD held substantive discussions during 2006, partly due to a draft resolution co-sponsored by Canada and energetically supported by NGOs, which proposed the formation of special committees to do the work that the CD was neglecting. Staff also participated in an Ottawa consultation, as well as several international meetings on issues related to the forthcoming NPT review process leading to the 2010 Review Conference. Involvement in the NPT review process will be an important part of our work over the next cycle.

We supported the nuclear disarmament work of the World Council of Churches (WCC) and also assisted the World Conference of Religions for Peace in drafting nuclear disarmament resolutions for their August 2006 World Assembly in Kyoto, Japan.

Non-weaponization of Space

Project Ploughshares is the secretariat for a research consortium that produces an annual report of the assessment of space security based on trends in specific indicator areas. *Space Security 2006* was published in July 2006. The draft text of the report is reviewed each year by international space experts, providing an opportunity to share information and views between civil society and officials. This project is currently funded by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Secure World Foundation, and the Ford Foundation, and also involves the Simons Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Research at the Liu Institute, University of British Columbia, and the Institute of Air and Space Law at McGill University.

In 2006 Ploughshares staff made presentations on space security at a March international conference in Geneva held by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research entitled *Building the Architecture for Sustainable Space Security*, and at a side event of the UN General Assembly in October, which preceded important debates in the UN on preventing an arms race in outer space.



Security Alternatives: Reducing the Resort to Military Force

Canadian Defence Policy

We prepared and circulated a briefing to key Members of Parliament to provide background and analysis of key issues for the Parliamentary debate on the renewal of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) agreement, which was renewed in May 2006. The broader issue of Canada-US security integration is part of this discussion and one that we will continue to monitor and analyze.

Monitoring and analysis of Canada's role in Afghanistan also received prominent attention during 2006, and we expect this to continue in 2007. Briefings that offered background and analysis included one circulated to Members of Parliament in advance of the Parliamentary debate in May 2006 on the extension of the Afghan mission, and another in November 2006 to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development.

Protecting Vulnerable Populations

We continued to work with the WCC and CCC on issues found in *The Responsibility to Protect* (R2P), the report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty. A resolution on R2P, developed with the participation of Project Ploughshares, was considered and adopted at the WCC Assembly in Brazil in February 2006. A draft policy statement, modeled on the WCC resolution, was produced by the Commission on Justice and Peace of the CCC for consideration, as well as adoption and use, by CCC member churches. We also monitored and commented on the situation in Darfur, Sudan, and Canada's response to that humanitarian crisis, through two interfaith letters, a Project Ploughshares board statement, and a letter to Members of Parliament.

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Displaced people in the Darfur region of Sudan.

Regional Security in the Horn of Africa

In 2006 we began a multiyear research and dialogue project in partnership with Nairobi-based Africa Peace Forum (APFO) on regional security architecture in the Horn of Africa, with support from the International Development Research Centre. The project will examine security issues such as the proliferation and misuse of small arms, internally displaced populations, large-scale human rights violations and undemocratic security sectors, the management of resources, and excessive and destabilizing accumulations of arms.

Controlling The Supply Of Arms

Small Arms and Light Weapons

An important element of our work on small arms is to support the implementation and improvement of the UN Programme of Action agreed to by governments at the July 2001 UN Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects. During 2006 we continued to do this through initiatives in Canada and internationally.

In Canada we serve as the coordinating agency of the Small Arms Working Group of the Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee. Prior to the UN Review Conference on small arms in July 2006, the working group prepared papers outlining policy recommendations for consideration at the Conference on national regulations of small arms and light weapons, demand issues, transfers, brokering, and follow-on processes.



Million Faces petition display in one of the corridors at the United Nations during the 2006 Review Conference on small arms.

Our education campaign on small arms and light weapons, *Take Action to Control Small Arms*, supported the Million Faces petition of the international CONTROL ARMS campaign. The campaign material was widely distributed through and supported by our sponsoring churches and local Project Ploughshares groups. The Canadian "faces" in the petition were presented to the Canadian government in May 2006. In June 2006 the Commission on Justice and Peace of the CCC wrote a letter to Foreign Minister Peter MacKay to urge the Canadian government to show leadership at the Review Conference.

Two Ploughshares staff participated in the Review Conference, one as an advisor to the Canadian delegation and the other as a representative of Project Ploughshares. The Million Faces petition was presented to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the first day of the Review Conference. Among the million faces were those of over 10,000 Canadians. While the Review Conference failed to produce an agreement, the 2001 UN Programme of Action on small arms remains intact and small arms control is still a priority for NGOs and the vast majority of states, including Canada. Canada is planning an "intersessional" meeting of states in August 2007 to prepare for the next UN small arms meeting in 2008.

In 2006 we completed two projects with international partners, one with APFO to support the implementation of the Nairobi Declaration, a regional small arms control agreement, and the second with partners in Central and South America and the Caribbean to build governmental support for including a set of global small arms transfer principles in the UN Programme of Action.

In mid-2006 a project with CIDA was launched to translate experience and knowledge regarding the control of small arms and light weapons into guidance for the integration of small arms control into Canada's development programming.

Arms Trade Treaty

We are a founding member of the international NGO steering committee promoting the principles of a draft Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) based on existing state obligations under international law. In 2006 we worked with Amnesty International and Oxfam Canada and successfully encouraged Canada to co-sponsor a UN resolution on an Arms Trade Treaty, which was passed by the UN General Assembly in December 2006, with 153 countries supporting the resolution and only the United States opposing the text. This is the first step by the world's governments towards a legally binding instrument establishing common international standards for the export, import, and transfer of conventional arms.

Canadian Export Controls

We continue to monitor Canadian military exports and engage Canadian policymakers on Canadian export policies and practices.

Building Sustainable Peace

Documenting Armed Conflicts

Each year we publish the *Armed Conflicts Report*, which consists of two major components, both updated annually. The first, a compilation of detailed descriptions of each conflict, is posted to our website. The second component, a poster, is printed each year and distributed to students, educators, and donors, and at various conferences and events. Dr. Wangari Maathai, the 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate, wrote the preface for the *Armed Conflicts Report 2006*. We are pleased to have three senior students from the Global Studies Department at Wilfrid Laurier University working with us to compile the data for the 2007 Report.

Sudan

The first two papers in our CIDA-funded multiyear research and dialogue project with APFO, *Building Capacity for Sustainable Peace in Sudan*, were published and discussed at a roundtable in Juba, Sudan in October 2006 with key stakeholders, civil society representatives, and government officials. The papers and the roundtable report are available on the Ploughshares website. The next phase of the project will focus on issues related to small arms; armed groups; and disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration.



Participants at the October 2006 Roundtable in Juba, Southern Sudan.

General

Internship Program

Since 1997 we had managed an international internship program, Young Professionals International (YPI), funded by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada. We placed 10 participants in the 2006-2007 cycle. Unfortunately, the YPI program was cancelled in the September 2006 budget cuts by the federal government.

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Governance

The mandate of Project Ploughshares comes from The Canadian Council of Churches, which delegates the responsibility of board formation and governance to its member churches and other churches or church agencies that have agreed to sponsor Project Ploughshares and provide annual operating support. The board of Project Ploughshares is made up of persons appointed by sponsors and members-at-large appointed by the board, and is accountable to The Canadian Council of Churches for governing Project Ploughshares in the faithful pursuit of the mandate received from the Council.

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