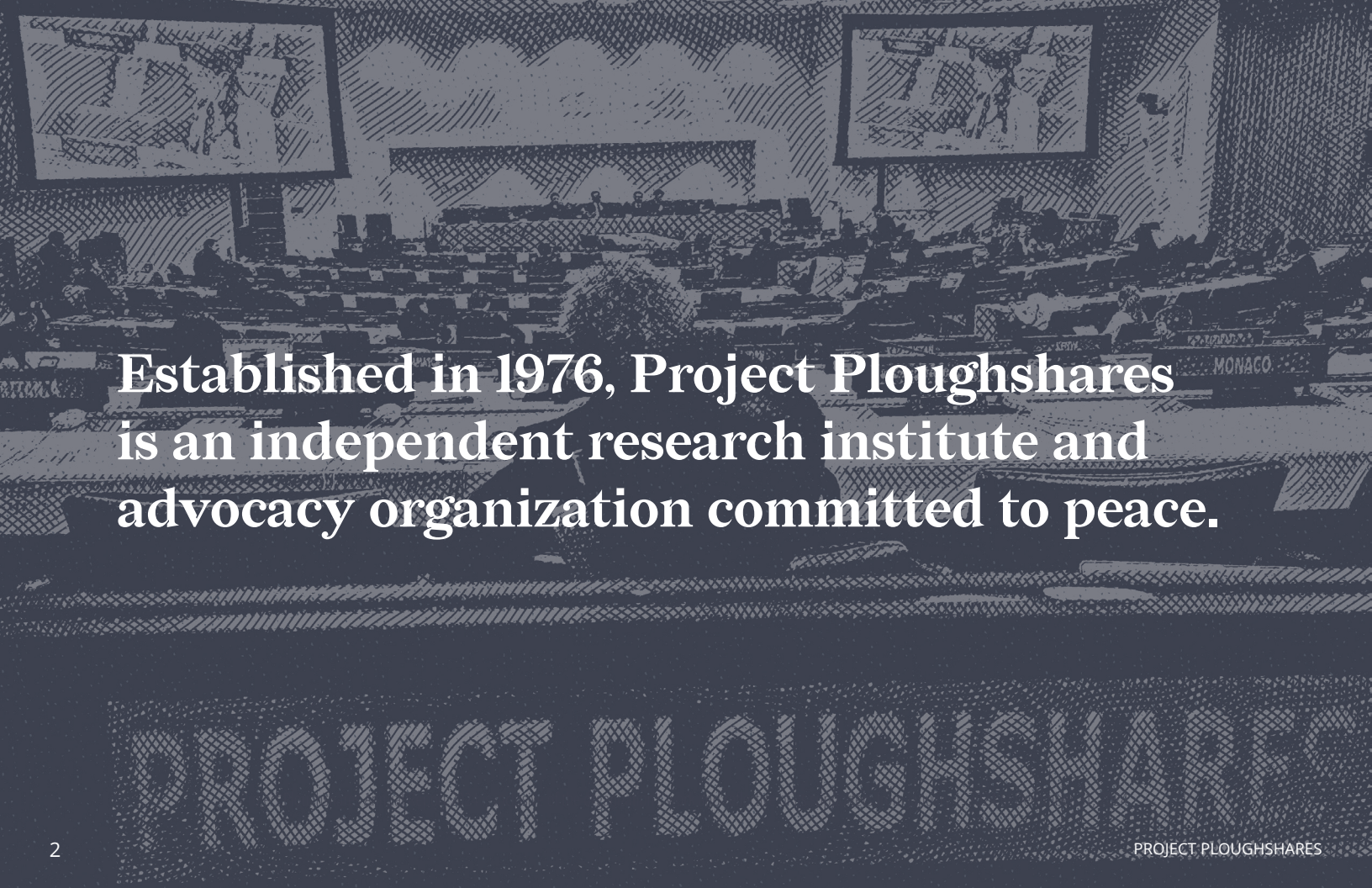




Navigating a Fractured World

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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advocacy organization committed to peace.

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OUR APPROACH

Research.

We track data and conduct research that helps policymakers regulate weapons responsibly.

Action.

We engage with NGOs, governments and at global forums to help shape policies that protect people.

Peace.

We advocate for diplomacy and negotiations over the use of force to achieve a sustainable peace.

In a year marked by growing violence, broken norms, and deepening global crises, Project Ploughshares remained committed to peace—not as a vague ideal, but as a deliberate, evidence-based response to war, injustice, and insecurity.

We spoke out—clearly and factually—even when it was risky. We advocated for diplomacy in a time of militarized debate. We gave voice to those affected by armed violence and brought principled research into spaces where policy is made.

Amid financial and political pressures, we made difficult choices. But we endured. We acted. And with your support, we had real impact.

Every statement we made, every report we published, every forum we entered—we did so as your eyes and ears. You entrusted us to carry forward the work of peace in your name. That trust means everything.

As we navigate an increasingly fractured world, we remain grounded in facts, resilient in purpose, and fearless in pursuit of a more just and secure future.

The details of that work—and the difference you made—follow in these pages.

Thank you for standing with us.

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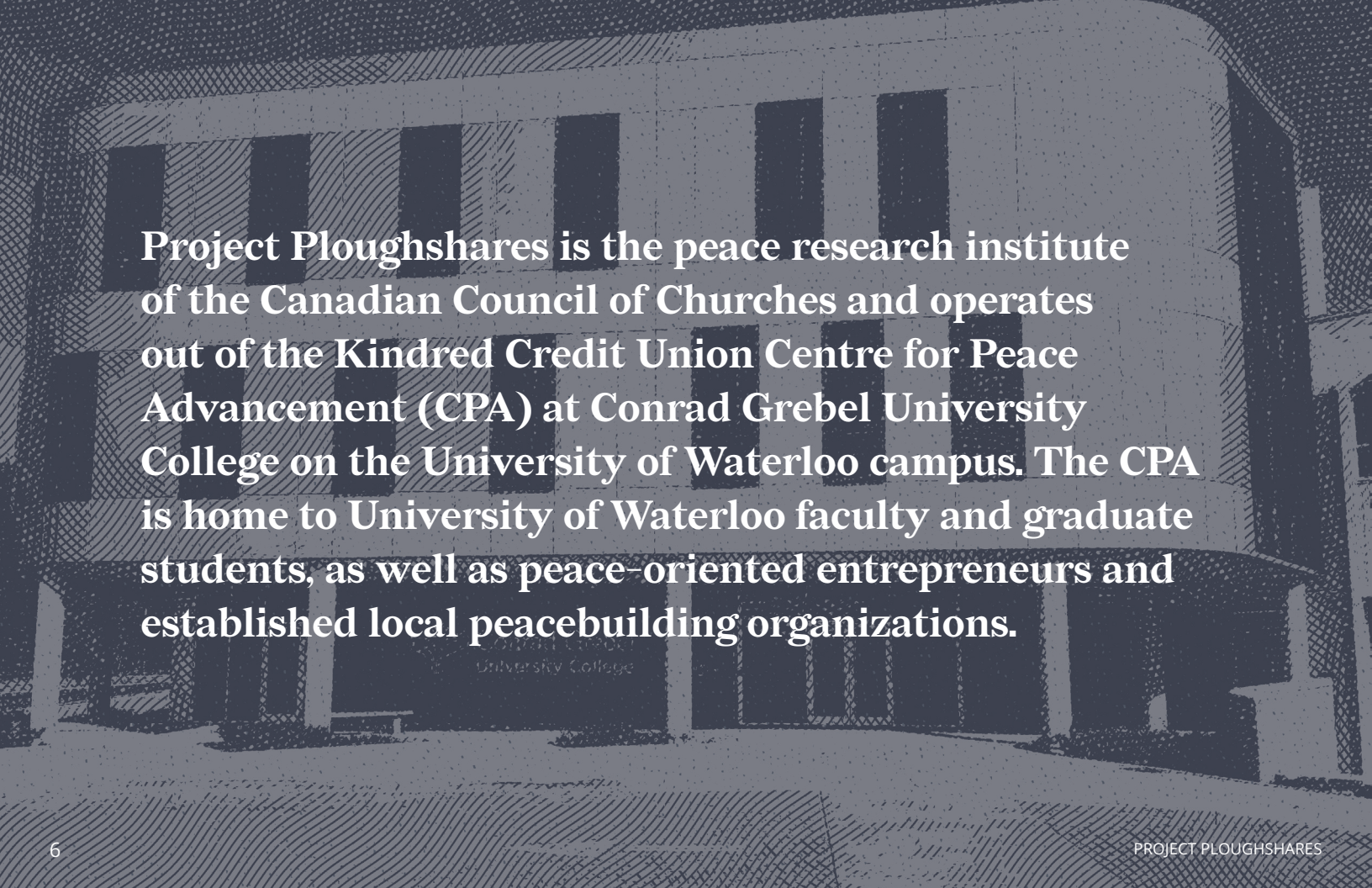
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In 2024, Project Ploughshares worked with the following organizations and bodies:



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Senior Researcher Branka Marijan speaks on a panel at a donor event in Waterloo in November 2024. *Project Ploughshares*

New military technologies are transforming how wars are fought—and how peace is threatened. Project Ploughshares engaged directly with policymakers and global experts to advocate for ethical, rules-based approaches to AI and military innovation, ensuring that Canadian civil society remains a key voice in shaping these fast-evolving security debates.

SHAPED POLICY

- Testified before a parliamentary defence committee, contributing to discussions on how new military technologies, climate, and diplomacy should inform Canada’s security strategy.

ADVOCATED FOR ETHICS & NORMS

- Participated in the Global Summit on Responsible Military AI in South Korea as one of few Canadian civil society voices, advocating for ethical frameworks and rules-based approaches.

INFLUENCED GOVERNANCE

- Participated in high-level meetings of the Global Commission on Responsible Military AI in Washington, providing expert guidance on international law and policy.

CONNECTED ISSUES ACROSS DOMAINS

- Elevated the risks of space militarization within the AI context by linking governance principles across tech and defence discussions in national forums.

EMERGING TECH/AI





Senior Researcher Jessica West attends Spacebound 24 – where she was a featured speaker – in Ottawa in September 2024.
Jordan Miller

Outer space is increasingly a contested domain—but also a place of fragile cooperation. We worked with Canadian and international partners to prevent the weaponization of space, strengthen global governance, and advance transparency, helping Canada contribute constructively to emerging norms around space security and peaceful use.

SHAPED POLICY

- Engaged directly with MPs leading Canada's space defence study, informing national conversations on peaceful uses of space and arms control.

INFLUENCED DEBATE

- One of only two NGOs to participate in UN discussions on preventing a space arms race, helping shape the outcome report through civil society engagement.

AMPLIFIED COLLECTIVE ADVOCACY

- Organized a coalition of NGOs in support of a joint statement on space security; contributed policy recommendations adopted by multiple countries in their UN positions.



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Executive Director Cesar Jaramillo addresses the United Nations at an NPT preparatory meeting in July 2024 UN Web TV



Amid rising global tensions and renewed nuclear threats, Project Ploughshares advanced Canadian leadership in nuclear disarmament. Through high-level diplomacy, public advocacy, and expert convening, we ensured that civil society voices and Canadian values were reflected in key international efforts to reduce nuclear risks and promote lasting peace.

SHAPED POLICY

- Collaborated with Global Affairs Canada to promote a values-based foreign policy and encourage Canada's active role in global disarmament efforts.
- Presented a formal statement at the NPT Review Conference, inserting Canada's civil society perspective into a major UN disarmament dialogue.

INFLUENCED DEBATE

- Co-organized the expert roundtable "Nuclear Disarmament in Times of Unprecedented Risk", which shaped ongoing advocacy and policy recommendations for Canada's nuclear diplomacy.

CONVENED KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- Brought together Canadian policymakers, diplomats, and experts to generate actionable dialogue around nuclear risks and solutions.



NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Senior Researcher Kelsey Gallagher
participates in the Tenth Conference of States
Parties (CSP10) to the Arms Trade Treaty
(ATT) in Geneva, Switzerland, in August 2024
Caro Barrios



As global arms transfers continue to fuel conflict and civilian harm, we held Canada accountable to its disarmament commitments. Our research, advocacy, and testimony helped shape national and international conversations about export controls, legal loopholes, and the urgent need for responsible arms policy rooted in human rights.

SHAPED POLICY

- Testified before the Foreign Affairs Committee, contributing directly to a Parliamentary report on Canada's sanctions and arms export regulations.
- Delivered three official statements at UN Arms Trade Treaty meetings, advocating for accountability in arms transfers.
- Following 2023 testimony before Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, was cited in the Committee's 2024 report on sanctions and arms export controls.

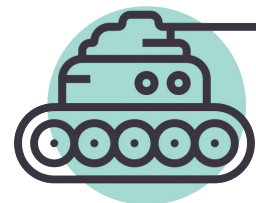
INFLUENCED DEBATE

- Led a high-profile joint campaign calling for an end to arms sales to Israel—resulting in a statement to Canada's PM and Foreign Minister endorsed by over 60 leading human rights organizations.
- Conducted 20+ CBC Radio interviews across Canada, scrutinizing investments in arms manufacturers implicated in weapons transfers to Israel.

AMPLIFIED CIVIL SOCIETY VOICES

- Work cited in a UN Human Rights Office report to the UN General Assembly, highlighting critical gaps in Canada's arms export regime.

ARMS TRADE



Climate change is reshaping global and regional security. We convened diverse leaders—from Indigenous knowledge holders to defence officials—to explore inclusive, systems-based responses to climate-driven risks in the Arctic and beyond. Our work is helping redefine what peace and security mean in a warming, rapidly changing world

CONVENED DIALOGUE

- Hosted an innovative multi-stakeholder workshop on climate, peace, and security in the Arctic—bringing together Indigenous leaders, defence experts, diplomats, climate scientists, and civil society.

FOSTERED NEW COLLABORATION

- The workshop bridged disciplines and sparked policy innovation, resulting in inclusive, systems-based solutions to climate-driven insecurity in northern regions.

PIONEERED THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

- Positioned Project Ploughshares as a Canadian leader in the emerging field of climate-security, with strong ties to peacebuilding and defence transformation.



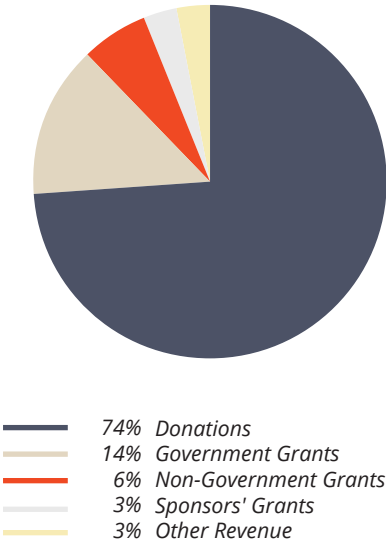
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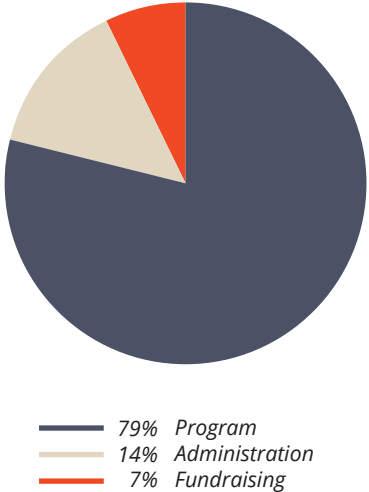
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