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Press Release

Commit Universities to Peace - Reject Research for the Military. It is time to act.

Today the International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility (INES) launched a worldwide campaign against military research.

In an international appeal signed by Nobel Laureates, Right Livelihood Laureates and more prominent scientists* (see below) INES asks for the abandonment of all research and teaching for military purposes and urge university authorities and responsible academic bodies everywhere to adopt binding commitments in the university statutes similar to Civil Clauses in some countries.

Research carried out at universities includes military research. What is gathering strength at many German universities is a movement against what is being called “the increasing militarization of higher education”. The current German defence budget in fact does contain the impressive sum of 1.1 billion Euros for “research, development, testing” – the equivalent of more than one tenth of the entire German education budget.

More than 1000 Scientists from Japan already announced their support for the campaign.

For example the U.S. Defence Department has over 76 billion dollars yearly at its disposal for research and development. Every 2nd scientific position in the USA is armament related. In Russia about 40% and in UK 18%.

The signatures collected until June 2011 will be distributed to the world meeting of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) with the demand to take responsibility to stand up for peaceful and civilian research and education.

Further actions are planned.

Please find the appeal and further information on the campaign here: www.inesglobal.com
For all inquiries please call the INES program director Reiner Braun: +49- (0)172-2317475.

INES is a worldwide acting NGO based in Berlin.

* Signatories include: Daniel Ellsberg, USA; Sir Harold Kroto, Nobel Laureate Chemistry, UK; Jack Steinberger, Nobel Laureate Physics, Switzerland; Lisa Clark, former MEP, Italy; Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Peace Nobel Laureate, GB (Northern Ireland); Paul Crutzen, Nobel Laureate Chemistry, Germany/Netherlands; Tadatoshi Akiba, Mayor of Hiroshima, Japan.

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International Appeal
To the heads of universities and responsible academic
bodies

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Freedom of thought and ideas for a peaceful, sustainable and just world are universal human rights. Today, they are threatened in many places, including even the universities around the world. Growing militarization of academic research in not only engineering and natural sciences, but also humanities, is further eroding those rights. Immediate steps need to be taken to reverse this process.

The undersigned university students, teachers, employees and graduates believe that universities must focus on promoting peace and understanding among peoples by rejecting any research and teaching for military purposes. We call for the abandonment of all research and teaching for military purposes and urge the university authorities and the responsible academic bodies everywhere to adopt binding commitments in the university statutes similar to Civil Clauses in some countries.

See first signatories list on page 2.

First signatories:

- Arielle Denis, Le Mouvement de la Paix, France
- Ayako Tanaka, Shizuoka City, Shin Fujin, Japan
- Byung Moon Suh, Scientist, Pugwash Council Member, South Korea
- Colin Archer, International Peace Bureau (IPB), Switzerland
- Daniel Ellsberg, U.S.A.
- Dave Webb, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), U.K.
- Dietrich Schulze, Scientists Initiative for Peace, Responsibility and Sustainability, Germany
- Eiets Hasegawa, Professor, Niigata University, Japan
- Fujishi Takayo, Professor, Niigata University, Japan
- Harry Kroto, Nobel Laureate Chemistry, U.K.
- Hartmut Grassl, former Director of Max Planck Institute for Meteorology, Germany
- Hirofumi Hiyashi, Japan
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- Hiroshi Yui, Ryukoku University, Japan
- Isao Motojima, Central Research Institute of Electric
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- Jeremy Corbyn, Vice Chair VND, Member of Parliament, U.K.
- John Loretz, Programme Director IPPNW, U.S.A.
- John M. Itty, General Secretary of Christian Peace Conference, India
- Joseph Gerson, Disarmament Coordinator of American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), U.S.A.
- Junji Akai, Professor, Japan
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- Kisako Mitata,
- Lisa Clark, former European MP, Italy
- Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, U.K. (Northern Ireland)
- Maraguti Fueko, retired Professor, Japan
- Mark Masatoshi Goto, Tsurumi University, Japan
- Masataka Omaki, Shizuoka City, Japan
- Mitsuru Kaisyou, Japan
- Morimitsu Tanimoto, Professor, Japan
- Nakasuka Noriyuki, Gifu University, Japan
- Paul Crutzen, Nobel Laureate Chemistry, Germany/Netherlands
- Power Industry (CRIEPI), Japan
- Reiner Braun, Program Director INES, Germany
- Robert Green, Colonel AD and Co Director of OSC, New Zealand
- Shizuoka City Shin Fujin, Japan
- Shoji Sawada, Professor Emeritus, Nagoya University, Japan
- Shoshiro Ogura, Associate Professor, Shizuoka University, Japan
- Shozo Hiroki, Aichi University, Japan
- Sinobu Isobe, IWATA City Peace, Japan
- Subrata Ghoshroy, MIT, U.S.A.
- Tadashi Kino, Japan
- Tadatashi Akiba, Mayor of Hiroshima, Japan
- Taiki Kagami, Japan
- Takumara Takahashi, Nagoya City, Japan
- Tapeo Muramata, IWATA City Peace, Japan
- Tilman Ruff, ICAN Chair, Australia
- Tomas Magnusson, President International Peace Bureau (IPB), Sweden
- Toshio Mattura, Kakegawa City, Japan
- Yasatoshi Matsui, Senior Resident at National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Japan
- Yoichi Torihata, Professor, Shizuoka University, Japan
- Yousaf Butt, Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, U.S.A.

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