

dred years and the growing inclusion of women in the political process is a first step in the dismantling of a dysfunctional system.

THE WAR SYSTEM DOES NOT WORK

- It does not bring peace or even minimal security. Instead it has brought us an unbalanced man with his finger on the nuclear button.
- Even former CIA director John Brennan admits that the "War on Terror" has probably created more terrorists and a state of unending "permawar".

THE ARMS TRADE

- Arms manufacturers get lucrative contracts and even subsidies from governments while remaining free to also sell on the open market.
- The U.S. and Canada have sold billions in arms to the volatile Middle East. Sometimes the weapons are sold to both sides in a conflict, as in the case of the war between Iran and Iraq. Sometimes weapons end up being used against the seller or its allies, as in the case of weapons the U.S. provided to the Mujahedeen which ended up in the hands of al Qaeda, and the arms the U.S. sold or gave to Iraq which ended up in the hands of ISIS during its 2014 invasion of Iraq.
- The International trade in death-dealing weapons is huge. Over **\$70 billion/year**.
- Canada sells mostly to the United States but has recently become the second largest supplier to the Middle East. Canada's own military spending is set to increase by 70% within the decade.
- The U.N. Arms Trade Treaty of 2013 does not abolish the trade, it merely sets out the rules. What about adding the arms trade to the ICC list of "crimes against humanity"?

WE NEED TO GROW UP FAST, END WAR, AND TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE PLANETARY CRISIS.

The current United Nations is clearly dysfunctional. There are various proposals for a democratic Citizens Global Parliament, one that would use nonviolent means to keep peace.

For more on this go to:

<http://worldbeyondwar.org/how>

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

LEARN THE FACTS, READ:

World Beyond War's free study guide

<http://globalsecurity.worldbeyondwar.org>

Divest from the arms industry and push to outlaw the arms trade

<http://coat.ncf.ca>

If you want peace, stop paying for war

<http://www.consciencecanada.ca>

Sign the peace pledge on the World Beyond War website:

<http://worldbeyondwar.org>

Become a member of Collectif Échec à la guerre:

<http://echecalaguerre.org>