

Take Action Against Complicity in the Arms Trade!

As a Citizen!

- Make the arms trade an issue in the upcoming federal election.
- Raise questions at all-candidates meetings and other events.
- Don't vote for candidates whose parties are beholden to military contractors.
- Contact politicians: Voice dissent about Canada's arms trade.
- Divert your military taxes (see Conscience Canada ad, p.26)

As a Consumer!

- Boycott civilian products made by military contractors.

As an Investor!

- When investing, avoid military contractors.
- If you own stocks in military-related corporations, divest.

As a Media Junkie!

- Urge journalists to investigate and report on these issues.
- Respond to media stories that touch on issues raised here.
- Write letters to the editor and op ed articles.
- Call radio "talk back" lines and leave a message.
- Phone call-in programs to raise issues about the arms trade.

As a Worker

- Avoid working for, or contracting out, to military corporations.
- Urge unions to oppose involvement in military production.

Conversion is about:

Labour: Military industrial conversion means changing from capital-intensive, military production to labour-intensive production of civilian goods.

Social programs: By reducing military budgets and producing socially-useful products and services, government resources can be used to save money while creating more jobs and rebuilding our social programs.

Peace & human rights: Providing civilian alternatives to military production has beneficial spin-offs worldwide. By stopping military exports to countries at war, and those abusing human rights, we are helping activists in other countries who are struggling for peace, democracy and justice.

Culture: Our society is militarized by a bombardment of gratuitous violence in action films, video games, TV programs, to war toys and so-called "air shows." It's time to build a culture of peace, not war.

Education: Building a culture of peace, requires a global perspective on the interconnectedness of human development, peace and the environment. Educating children, the public and ourselves on these issues is a crucial task.

Psychology: Social change means transforming the beliefs, attitudes and perceptions of individuals, including ourselves.

Environment: Many military industries could make much-needed technologies to prevent pollution and cleanup the environment.

International Law: The world is governed by those with the most money and the biggest weapons. We need to move from the global system of "might is right" toward one based on international law.

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