



Global Action Summer 2009 Newsletter

Welcome to Global Action's (GAPW) Summer 2009 Newsletter. This Newsletter focuses on the interlinking themes of Civilian Protection and UN Peacekeeping. You will find information below on Global Action's recent publication on "[Standing for Change in Peacekeeping Operations](#)", which provides diverse regional perspectives (based on 70 interviews) on issues relating to civilian protection and the need for standing rapid response peacekeeping capacity. The newsletter also provides details on Global Action's recent activities in South East Asia; including meetings with Diet Senators in Japan, peace networks in the Philippines and a workshop in Jakarta (Indonesia) on "[Peacekeeping and Civilian Protection](#)" in cooperation with [Center for Strategic and International Studies](#) (Jakarta, Indonesia) and the [Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies](#) at the University of Sydney (Australia). Other areas of focus in relation to Global Action's work in Women, Peace and Security, Disarmament, and Culture of Peace will also be highlighted.

Future newsletters will highlight forthcoming workshops on Peacekeeping and Civilian Protection in Brazil with parliamentarians, conference in Madison promoting the leadership of US Mayors on national peace and security policy (led by Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy), upcoming conference on disarmament in Mexico and ongoing situational analysis on crisis countries such as Sri Lanka.

Please email the Secretariat at coordinator@globalactionpw.org with any comments or questions. Thank you for your support to date.

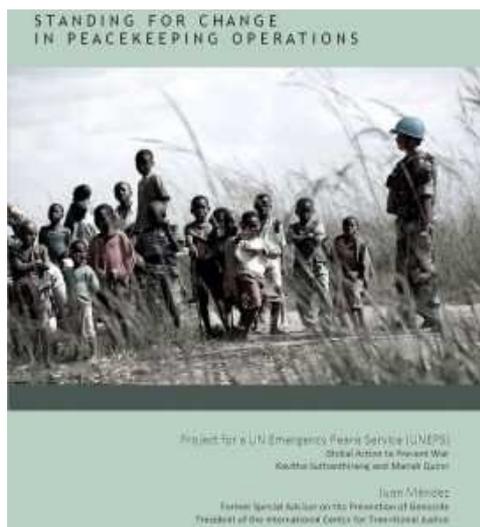
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1. New GAPW Publication: Standing for Change in Peacekeeping Operations

Global Action recently launched its new publication "[Standing for Change in Peacekeeping Operations](#)" during a workshop on Peacekeeping and Civilian Protection in Jakarta, Indonesia in June 2009.



The aim of this publication is to provide diverse regional perspectives on the need for UN-based standing capacity such as UNEPS. Over 70 interviews were conducted in Latin America, Africa, North America and South East Asia with senior academics, current and former diplomats, UN and government officials, UN mission staff and experts from leading non-governmental organizations. Research work was undertaken by GAPW staff and by Annie Hero from the [Center for Peace and Conflict Studies \(CPACS\)](#) at the University of Sydney.

Juan Mendes, former Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide, made an important contribution to the publication, providing an analysis of challenges to the prevention of genocide based on his 32 months of

experience inside the UN.

This volume represents a new stage in the evolution of the United Nations Emergency Peace Service (UNEPS) project. Focusing on diverse regional perspectives, key recommendations have been incorporated to help refine the UNEPS proposal, push forward the standing capacity agenda and ensure that UN peacekeeping can respond effectively to the humanitarian and security emergencies for which it is ultimately held accountable.

2. Asia Advocacy

Peacekeeping and Civilian Protection Workshop

Jakarta, Indonesia - June 11, 2009

Global Action to Prevent War (GAPW) in cooperation with Center for Strategic and International Studies (Jakarta, Indonesia) and the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Sydney (Australia) recently hosted a regional workshop on "Peacekeeping and Civilian Protection" in Jakarta. The workshop engaged government, civil society, UN and ASEAN decision makers and focused on the following:



Dr. Rizal Panggabean (UGM), Amb. Ong Keng Yong (National University of Singapore), Jaime B. Naval (University of Philippines), Amb. Wirjono Sastrohandoyo (CSIS)

- Southeast Asia and Asia-Pacific perspectives on civilian protection and the possible role of a standing UN peacekeeping service.
- The impact of Southeast Asia and Asia-Pacific norms, language, politics and culture on proposals for UN peacekeeping reform.

Over 45 participants from Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Australia took part in highlighting and assessing civilian protection/human security goals, regional conflict prevention and resolution strategies (including case studies focused on Aceh, Mindanao and Burma), and the feasibility of new peacekeeping capacities such as a UN Emergency Peace Service (UNEPS). Please click [here](#) for photos and a more thorough description of the workshop.

While in Jakarta, we also launched our new publication, "[Standing for Change in Peacekeeping Operations](#)".

Japan/Philippines - UNEPS and Global Action Programs

Prior to the Jakarta workshop, Bob Zuber from Global Action also visited Japan and the Philippines. GAPW attended an event in Japan hosted by key UNEPS partners Senator Tadashi Inuzuka (Japanese Diet) and Mr. Takahiro Katsumi at which the opportunities and viability of UNEPS were highlighted and questions raised regarding our proposals on budgeting, authorization, and more. GAPW also met with executives at Soka Gakkai International to discuss further collaboration with SGI and ways to motivate global youth involvement with disarmament. In Tokyo, a hopeful exchange with Rie Nakamura and her partners at Crossfit covered their community projects in Yokohama City which focus on 'culture of peace' indicators such as education and healthcare.



Kavitha Suthathiraraj (GAPW), Prof. Dr. Dewi Fortuna Anwar (LIPI), Lt. Col. Rodon Pedrason (Indonesia Defense Force), Fikry Cassidy (Indonesia Dept of Foreign Affairs)

In the Philippines, GAPW was assisted by colleagues Susan May Granada with the Initiatives for International Dialogue and Professors Toh, Swee-Hin and Virginia Floresca Cawagas, now with the University for Peace in Costa Rica, who introduced us to an array of conflict prevention, mediation and sustainability advocates. GAPW also met with civilians who had escaped the recent humanitarian emergency in Sri Lanka, enabling us to hear

additional first-hand accounts of the human tragedies and share our own advocacy work on Sri Lanka.

For a full report on the visits, please click [here](#).

3. Security Council Civilian Protection and Peacekeeping Debates

Civilian Protection Debate

On June 26th the Security Council held an open debate on the protection of civilians in armed conflict. This September marks the 10th anniversary of the Security Council's consideration of civilian protection as a thematic issue. The Report of the Secretary-General on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict ([S/2009/277](#)) was issued on May 29th.



Internally Displaced Persons in West Darfur, Sudan

Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs John Holmes opened the debate and stressed that reality on the ground has not changed enough in the past 10 years. Member states emphasized the need to strengthen civilian protection measures as well as early warning and preventative mechanisms. A focal point of discussion was the inclusion of civilian protection in peacekeeping mandates and efforts to clarify these, in order to

minimize the gap between mandates on paper and what is accomplished on the ground. Member

States acknowledged the primary responsibility of the State in protecting its civilians during conflict. The engagement in dialogue with non-state actors who are parties to conflict was also discussed at length. While it was suggested that these groups be engaged in dialogue in order to cease human rights violations, there were consistent reminders for states and international organizations to remain ever vigilant in these engagements.

This was the second Council discussion on civilian protection this year, and the issue continues to be of relevance and encompass other important topics such as women's security and SC resolutions 1325 and 1820. An upcoming Council debate on the Responsibility to Protect on July 23rd and 24th will provide another forum for the consideration of civilian protection in armed conflict.

For a full report on the debate, please click [here](#).

Peacekeeping Debate

Global Action to Prevent War advocates for and reports on efforts by the UN to decrease the occurrences and severity of armed conflict. One of the top priorities for Global Action is reforming UN Peacekeeping, both in terms of mandate and resources. In a recent Security Council debate on strengthening links between peacekeeping organizations and contributors, held on June 29th, Member States expressed the importance of implementing peacekeeping reforms, setting pragmatic goals, building up capacity and forging new international, regional and sub-regional partnerships. The US noted the need to engage in long-term dialogue regarding rapidly-deployable peacekeeping forces.

Many challenges with the current structure were raised, including overstretching of resources, training and personnel gaps, deployment lags and inadequate exit strategies. Several external factors were also cited as affecting peacekeeping mandates, including financial shortages and decreases in available military personnel. A paper on the "New Horizon" initiative, a joint collaboration between the Departments for Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support, due out later this year, will address mission design, enhanced deployment, future capacity building and partnerships and will address how reforms can tackle peacekeeping gaps.

For a full report on the debate, please click [here](#).

4. Women, Peace and Security

Global Action to Prevent War (GAPW), the [Women's International League for Peace and Freedom](#) (WILPF) and the [NGOWG on Women Peace and Security](#) are partnering to produce a publication assessing women's participation in peacemaking, peacekeeping, and peace-building through the eyes of women participants themselves. This publication will be the second in a three-volume series -- **prevention**, **participation**, and **protection** -- as part of our broad commitment to the promotion of women leadership and defining women's stake in peace and security policy.

In 2005, GAPW and WILPF jointly published the **prevention** volume in this series, "Beyond Conflict Prevention: How Women Prevent Violence and Build Sustainable Peace." This volume has enjoyed widespread support and acknowledgement by NGOs and policymakers alike for its analysis of gender-based indicators and early warning mechanisms; its assessment of the role that women play in promoting human rights and good governance and in enhancing justice and reconciliation; and for incorporating a distinctive 'local lens' perspective.

The primary objective of the proposed **participation** volume is to identify and provide concrete examples of women's participation on the ground and highlight the affects of this inclusion (or exclusion) on peace and post-conflict processes; thereby, demonstrating why women's participation is essential to the success of these processes. Providing succinct case studies to this end will contribute to generating more substantive discussions and enhance the advocacy strategies of our partner organizations in promoting the full and effective implementation of Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820.

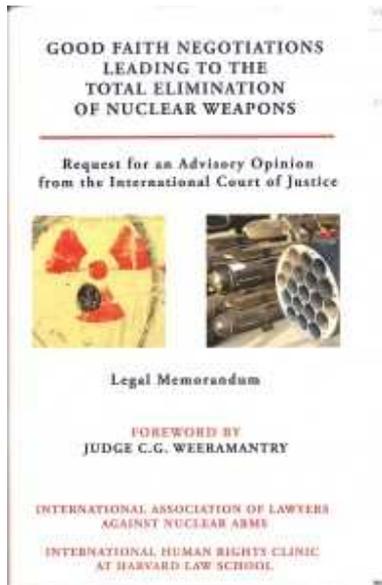
5. Upcoming Event - the GA debate on the Responsibility To Protect

The General Assembly will convene for a debate on the Responsibility to Protect on 23 July 2009. Global Action and other members of the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect look forward to this debate as an opportunity for the 63rd GA to put R2P into operation and work to ensure the reality of "never again."

View the open letter to governments in advance of the debate [here](#).

6. Good Faith Publication

Global Action to Prevent War is pleased to highlight '[Good Faith Negotiations Leading to the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons](#),' written by a high-profile team of experts, including John Burroughs of the Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy.



This volume signals the need for the International Court of Justice to render a second advisory opinion that clarifies a 1996 ruling confirming that the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty requires states to “pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control.” The NPT Review Conference in 2010 represents our next best chance to re-link disarmament and non-proliferation obligations under an effective regime that may bring both goals to an effective culmination.

Having an ICJ ruling that lays out in specific terms the negotiation obligations of states would be most helpful. The authors of this volume understand that ‘good intentions’ are no substitute for deliberative and honest negotiations that are directed at reaching a final agreement that can finally move us closer to a disarmed world. ‘Good faith’ is a term that requires clarity of expectation. This volume asks the court to lay out the evidence by which we can know that our nuclear policymakers are acting, truly, in good faith.

The book can be found [online](#). For paper copies, email johnburroughs@lcpn.org.

7. Articles of Interest

[Update Report: Sri Lanka](#)

Security Council Report

['Obama vs. Ossama'](#)

By Hussein Solomon

[International Day of Peacekeepers](#)

By Global Action Secretariat

[Global Peace Index](#)

A new way of studying peace

Small Arms Survey

2009: Shadows of War