

### **Network III = PFD (People for Financial Disarmament)**

People for Financial Disarmament is an informal international network. It aims to support the idea of on-going disarmament by continuous, linear reduction of military budgets.

Its activities seek to establish connections between at least three countries for an open, multilateral non-aggression pact ('the Pact') as part of the 2000 *'UN-Decade for a Culture of Peace and against Violence for the Children of the World'*.

Any government, any country may join the Pact, if it undertakes to meet the following requirements:

1. Condition 1 – The military budget is frozen.
2. Condition 2 – In the first year, 3 % of the military budget is redirected to non-military purposes; in the second year, 6 %; in the third year, 9 %; etc.
3. Condition 3 – The redirected budget is divided into three parts:
  - One part is a UN fund for Third-World countries as help with food, water supply and decentralizing energy use, alphabetization and education, primary health care and birth control, development of commerce, trade and industry, financial system.
  - A second part is a UNESCO fund to: educate about, and work towards, peace; provide training for peace and operation of national groups for deescalation and management of international crises or civil wars.
  - A third part is to be used by individual member countries themselves for: conversion of the defense industry to alternative environment-friendly industrial development; destruction of weapons and other military material and conversion into civil equipment, with profitability wherever possible; retraining of military personnel into environmentalists, Peace Corps workers and specialists on duty in disaster areas.

### **Possible variant of scenario**

The Pact becomes effective as soon as the first three governments/countries ratify it.

After 30 years – meaning one generation in the history of mankind –, they will have reduced their military budgets down to a tenth – to remain at this level thereafter. This way, they may be able to fund a national contingent of the International Corps on Duty in a Disaster Area, which would work most effectively with military logistics.

The production, supply and trade of any type of weaponry would be prohibited. For police forces, low-impact defense arms would be allowed and regulated in various ways, including severe punishment in case of infringement.

Disagreements between governments/countries would be settled in the International Court of Justice (ICJ), in Den Haag, by international law. In case of armed conflict, interim order and resolution should rapidly be sought. The plenary assembly of the UN would impose sanctions by a two-third majority, in a special session, upon request from the ICJ.

During a transitional period, UN forces would be expected to implement sanctions. The Security Council (SC) would not have jurisdiction over government affairs. Indeed, as the UN would be reformed, the SC would become obsolete.

Leaving the pact would be possible, but only after a referendum in each member country.

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