



STOP FUELLING WAR

# IT IS NOT IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST TO PROMOTE LOW-TECH ALTERNATIVES TO THE ARMS INDUSTRY

THE ARMS TRADE, UNSURPRISINGLY, IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT LOW TECH SOLUTIONS TO CONFLICT, EVEN THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO WORK. **LOW-TECH USUALLY MEANS LOW-COST,** WHICH OF COURSE IS GOOD FOR MOST OF US, BUT **WON'T PAY THE HUGE COMMISSIONS OF ARMS SALESMEN.**

**FACT:** Successful ideas include ceasefire monitoring; rumour control; early warning and early response; self sustaining local infrastructures and training; involving more women and young people (rather than men with guns) in peace and police operations.

**FACT:** There will always be conflict, greed and power-struggles but if a fraction of the money spent on weapons research, development and marketing were used to address the commonest causes of conflict, solutions as brilliant as the technical excellence of modern weaponry would be encouraged and enabled to evolve.

IN PARTICULAR THE EU AND UN SHOULD ENSURE THAT SPACE DOES NOT BECOME A PROVING GROUND FOR MILITARISTIC AND NATIONALISTIC ADVENTURES.

**PAS DE SALON DE L'ARMEMENT À PARIS !**

