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*1184 words highlighting Peace and Women: Submission to the zero draft for the UN Summit of the Future, Sept.2024 – concrete, and action-oriented recommendations structured around the elements of the Pact for the Future. To build a Culture of Peace we must give a nonviolent outlook to the chapeau and all of the five chapters. Don't worry about overlaps creating repetitions. They won't harm.*

## CHAPEAU

**"The UN's highest and most important task is to protect future generations from the scourge of war"**

**Providing a set of methods to abolish war**, reaffirming and strengthening the foundation of the UN will be the most important outcome of the UN-Summit of the Future 2024.

- **A Culture of Peace as an Alternative to a Culture of Violence** will have three approaches to peace-work creating a mindset where solutions replace victory:
  1. **Peacekeeping:** Bolster peacekeeping efforts by enhancing the capacity to separate conflicting parties, preventing further escalation of violence.
  2. **Peacemaking:** Prioritize conflict resolution through peaceful means, encouraging and investing in dialogue and negotiations as the primary tools to establish lasting peace.
  3. **Peacebuilding:** Foster and fund *joint* projects and a unifying vision to rebuild societies affected by conflict, promoting stability, and preventing the resurgence of violence.
- **Security Council Reform for Effective Conflict Prevention**
  - **Representation for the Muslim and Hindu World:** Legitimize the UN by opening the Security Council to permanent representatives for the Muslim World and the Hindu World to ensure a more inclusive and representative decision-making body.
  - **Transcending the Veto Power:** Reform the power of veto by transferring issues subject to veto from the Security Council to the General Assembly for renewed discussions and a final vote, ensuring more equitable decision-making processes.

## Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

- **PEACE IS CLIMATE-ACTION #1 - Connecting Peace-work and Climate Action:**
  - Recognize that 'Militarism is the elephant in the climate room'
  - Acknowledge that Sustainable Development Goal #16, focusing on Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, is pivotal for achieving all other SDGs.
- **Linking Militarism to Climate Change:** Recognize militarism as a critical factor in climate and environmental degradation. Highlight the need to address military emissions, emphasizing the interconnectedness between peace and environmental sustainability.

- **Environmental Accountability:**
  - **Include all military emissions in national CO2-accounting**, recognizing the significant environmental impact of war-related activities from preparing for/ deterring, during war, and from reconstruction-work after war. Mother Earth cannot cope with climate emissions from war industry, war exercises, war, and reconstruction.
  - **Biodiversity Protection:** Highlight the destructive impact of military armament on indigenous peoples and advocate adherence to the Convention on Biodiversity.
- **Move the Money:** Allocate 10% of global military spending to a dedicated fund for peacebuilding as the basis for sustainable development.

## Chapter II. International peace and security

Peace is crucial for the survival of life on earth: Dismantling nuclear weapons and abolishing war by Criminalizing war as crime against humanity, Removing war-causes, Removing war as institution (with reference to Johan Galtung and others)

- **Abolishing war**

Here are eight approaches that weaken the causes of war and strengthen the preconditions for peace:

  - delegitimizing war as a means even if the goal is legitimate
  - arms/ army control, dis-targeting/ de-deployment, disarmament
  - criticizing war rules and war deep culture and structure
  - focusing on the visible and invisible costs of violence
  - giant mobilization of mediation and conciliation
  - giant mobilization of non-violent peace forces
  - improving peace rules and peace deep culture and structure
  - focusing on the visible and invisible benefits of peace
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  - **Biodiversity Protection:** Highlight the destructive impact of military armament on indigenous peoples and advocate adherence to the Convention on Biodiversity.
- **Militarism is stealing resources from future generations:** blatant looting of human resources, oil, minerals and metals, destroying the homelands of indigenous people, fueling climate change, destroying the environmental basis of life for future generations. HOW to counter that? By large-scale funding of Peace-Education and methods for non-violent conflict resolution in all levels of the education system.
- **Move the Money:** Allocate 10% of global military spending to a dedicated fund for peace (cfr. Jeffrey Sachs), supporting negotiations, reconciliation efforts, and the deployment of mediators.

- **Culture-for-Peace-Program:** Launch a renewed Culture-for-Peace-Program to promote global understanding, dialogue, and cooperation, fostering a culture of peace.
- **No women, no peace, no future: Empowering Women's Perspective:**
  - Anchor the women's perspective in all aspects of future initiatives, echoing the principles of UN Resolution 1325.
  - Addressing Human Impact: Recognize and address the disproportionate impact of war, weaponized violence, war-related pollution on women, fetuses, and children, emphasizing the urgency of mitigating toxic emissions. Emphasise the urgency of abolishing war, echoing the Sevilla Declaration.

### Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

- **“No mouse would ever construct a mousetrap.”** Blacklist science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation in the realm of the military-industrial-media complex.

### Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

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- **Move the Money:** Allocate 10% of global military spending to a dedicated fund for peace-education at all levels of the education system, supporting trainings for negotiations, reconciliation efforts, including the education and deployment of mediators.

### Chapter V. Transforming global governance

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#### **How?**

- **Move the Money:** Allocate 10% of global military spending to a dedicated fund for peacebuilding,
  - supporting negotiations, reconciliation efforts, and the deployment of mediators – with women represented at all levels.
- Legitimize the UN by reforming the Security Council for Effective Conflict Prevention
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