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Cutback on Military Expenses to realize a Peaceful and decent Human Life

French parliament voted a new Military Program Law for the years 2019-2025 to put the military budget at 300 billion of euros to reach 2% of GDP, demand of NATO.

A large part of this budget is devoting to nuclear weapons.

At the same time, our government reduce social budget in education, social housing, social allowance, unemployment benefit, child benefit...

In France 15% of population are very poor people. More and more people had to sleep in the street, including families with children.

This politic over and over again has for consequence a great anger but in the same time a certain resignation.

Many demonstrations have been organized by the most important trade-unions but have not succeed to make the government to move back.

For many years there is an important ideologic campaign to discredit the trade-unions especially the more fighting like CGT.

The military questions aren't discussing in the trade-unions in general, apart from CGT who has propositions for military industries reconversion.

Ecologist Party and French Communist party also fight against the military politic of our government.

I would also like to mention the question of refugees, victims of poverty, wars and climate disruption and denounce the shameful policy of my country, but also of Europe towards them, which refuses to welcome them in number and with dignity, even though many of these refugees are the victims of France's military interventions in the Middle East, in particular in Libya, and sub-Saharan Africa in Mali.

French Peace Movement works with organizations of ICAN France to build a large movement against militarization of the society to reduce military budget for disarmament and peace.