



**GLOBAL  
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**STOP  
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**++ The GLOBAL NET – STOP THE ARMS TRADE is from now on publishing an approx. bi-monthly newsletter ++**  
**++ GN-STAT-CASE 05: “The Arms Trade and Corruption on The Example of the Italian Defence Company Leonardo S.p.A.” ++**  
**++ Invitation to the “Meran Film Festival: Deadly Trade – Traffico letale” ++**  
**++ JOIN THE GLOBAL NET ++**

Ladies and gentlemen, dear friends of peace,

with our new NEWSLETTER we address those people who are working with us all over the world to stop the international arms trade. Using the power of non-violence we are committed to a peaceful, solidarity-based, just, and thus better world.

Since spring 2018 we have been providing information on thus far 5 cases of legal and illegal arms exports worldwide on our website [gn-stat.org](http://gn-stat.org). In doing so, we give a name and a face to the perpetrators and a voice to the victims.

**The basic language of our network is English**, additionally we publish our articles in German, French, Portuguese, Spanish and Russian, as required. Recently, some articles have been translated to Arabic. Depending on the countries concerned by a case study, we also translate into the respective national languages (Turkish, Armenian, Kurdish or Italian).

With this **NEWSLETTER 01** we would like to inform you about the current development of the GLOBAL NET, more will follow at irregular intervals (approx. every two months).

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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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In our most recent **CASE 05 "The Arms Trade and Corruption on the example of the Italian Defence Company Leonardo S.p.A."** our authors Andrew Feinstein and

Helmut Lohrer inform you about the worldwide helicopter business of the Italian arms giant Leonardo (formerly Westland Helicopters in Great Britain). In Italy, Francesco Vignarca from the organization "Rete Italiana per il Disarmo" has done excellent research.

We show the methods Leonardo uses to market its products, for example in Asia and Central America. We document how the company uses agents, middlemen, and influential local personalities to assert itself against the competition. In many cases, corruption is not only the means of initiating a planned arms deal, but in many cases the real reason why weapons are sold all over the world.

You will find the long version of CASE 05 in English, German and Italian on our website, as well as summaries in other languages.

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You are cordially invited to the "**Meran Film Festival: Deadly Trade - Traffico letale**" from February 11th to 14th 2020, in which we are actively involved. In Merano, South Tyrol, films critical of armaments will be shown, among others by Daniel Harrich and Wolfgang Landgraeber. Discussion panels and speeches will feature Lisa Clark, Katharina von Schröder, Paul Holden, Ralf Willinger, Innocent Opwonya (former child soldier from Uganda), Francesco Vignarca, Giorgio Beretta and Alex Zanotelli.

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We experience a lot of encouragement and support for the GLOBAL NET, which makes us very happy because we want to vigorously oppose the military-industrial-political complex of the arms trade. Therefore, we want to strengthen and expand our worldwide network against arms exports which we are currently building.

Our requests: **Cooperate with us, join the GLOBAL NET** – see CONTACT details below. And/or support our research, publications, criminal charges and actions with a donation, see <https://www.gn-stat.org/support-donations/de/>

With peaceful greetings, your editorial team  
Jürgen Grässlin, Ruth Rohde and Wolfgang Landgraeber

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**GN-STAT CASE 06: “Murderous Walls.** How Arms Companies are making a killing of border security systems – and what we can do about it” (March 2020)

**GN-STAT CASE 07: “How Child Soldiers are Forced to Fight with Small Arms.** Case Studies from Myanmar, Columbia, and Uganda – Including Starting Points for Countering the Abuse of Children as Soldiers” (May 2020)

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