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Recent Publications

QUNO Review 2015

Annual summary of QUNO's history, programmes and ways of working. QUNO (March 2015)

Human Rights and Refugees

Children of Incarcerated Parents International Standards and Guidance

Outlining international standards pertaining to children of incarcerated parents. Laurel Townhead (April 2015)

International Standards on Conscientious Objection to Military Service

Developments in ways conscientious objection has been recognized and protected under human rights treaties and mechanisms since 2011. Available in English and German. Rachel Brett (January 2015)

Education and the Military: A human rights and peace perspective

Questioning the presence and influence of the military in primary and secondary education from a peace and human rights perspective. Emily Graham (July 2014)

Conscientious objectors to military service: Punishment and discriminatory treatment

Conscientious objectors to military service can face a number of serious and negative implications for their refusal to perform military service. Emily Graham (June 2014)

Children of parents sentenced to the death penalty or executed: developments, good practices and next steps

Perspectives and learning from a side event at the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council in which experts reflected on a number of relevant key issues. QUNO (May 2014)

Children of Parents Sentenced to Death or Executed: How are they affected? How can they be supported?

This study points out the devastating effects on the physical and mental well-being of children of parents sentenced to death. Available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian. QUNO, on behalf of the Child Rights Connect Working Group on Children of Incarcerated Parents (September 2013)

Lightening the Load of the Parental Death Sentence on Children

Detailed study of the situations of children of parents sentenced to the death penalty. Available in Arabic, English, Farsi, French, Japanese and Spanish. Oliver Robertson and Rachel Brett (June 2013)

Human Impacts of Climate Change

Quaker Statement on Climate Change

The Statement was signed by a number of worldwide Quaker organizations and recognizes the personal and collective responsibility to respond to anthropogenic climate change QUNO, QEW, FCNL (July 2015)

QUNO and Minute 36: Briefing Paper for the Yearly Meeting Gathering 2014

Connecting the work of QUNO to Minute 36 (the Canterbury Commitment), which challenges Quakers to seek a sustainable, equitable and peaceful life on Earth. QUNO (August 2014)

Call to Conscience

Quaker experiences in facing the challenge of climate change. Lindsey Fielder Cook (July 2014)

Moving Forward in International Negotiations: Four Innovative Examples

Insights from past multilateral agreements that involved complex negotiations may offer a way forward for international climate change negotiations. Ellie Roberts (June 2014)

Increasing Trust and Effectiveness under the UNFCCC: Learning from International Monitoring Processes

Insights from our experience of international treaties may be helpful in designing ways for States to show they are reaching their obligations to reduce emissions. Ellie Roberts (November 2012)

Peacebuilding and the prevention of violent conflict

Reconciliation – transforming relationships in divided societies

Remarks given at the UNITAR Workshop on Reconciliation & Peacebuilding. Andrew Tomlinson (May 2015)

Filling the Gap: How civil society engagement can help the UN's Peacebuilding Architecture meet its purpose

A paper on civil society engagement in the UN's Peacebuilding Architecture, co-authored with Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict. Camilla Campisi and Laura Ribeiro Rodrigues Pereira (April 2015)

Peace and Post-2015: Into the Home Stretch

Reflections on the current state of play of the inclusion of peace issues in the soon to be agreed Sustainable Development Goals. Andrew Tomlinson (April 2015)

The importance of inclusion, transparency and consultation in revenue mobilisation

Remarks during the UN Peacebuilding Commission Annual Session in New York. Andrew Tomlinson (June 2014)

Long-term accompaniment of societies in transition: a role for the PBC?

Remarks during the UN Peacebuilding Commission Annual Session in New York. Andrew Tomlinson (June 2014)

Peace and Disarmament

Building Peace through Principle 10

How can environmental rights agreements prevent destructive conflict around natural resources. Available in English and Spanish. Ellie Roberts and Alexandra Pluss Encarnacion (April 2015)

White Paper on Peacebuilding

Perspectives on the challenges, opportunities and future of peacebuilding, and ways in which societies may work toward a sustainable peace. QUNO and The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (February 2015)

The Aarhus Convention and the prevention of destructive conflict

Using access rights, including rights to information, public participation and justice, to build peace and prevent conflict around environmental issues. Lynn Finnegan (June 2014)

All voices heard: natural resources, conflict and company-community engagement

More meaningful models of community participation in project planning are particularly important in projects that affect local access to, and control of, natural resources. Lynn Finnegan (December 2013)

Building Peace around water, land and food: Policy and practice for preventing conflict

Developing management of water, land and food that is equitable and peaceful is increasingly challenging, but there is hope for the future. Ellie Roberts and Lynn Finnegan (September 2013)

Food and Sustainability

Trade Liberalization and Food Security: Examining the Linkages

Exploring the dominant economic approach to agricultural trade and questioning the logic of economic efficiency and liberalized trade can move the food system towards equity and sustainability. Jennifer Clapp (June 2014)

India's and Thailand's sui generis systems of plant variety protection

Case studies to demonstrate options for plant variety protection systems to encourage governments and others developing systems to match their country's needs. Sujith Koonan and Pawarit Lertdhamtewe (January 2014)

A New Framework in Trade and Investment in Agriculture – QUNO's vision

Exploring the purpose, structure and direction of the governance of trade and investment in agriculture. QUNO (November 2013)

Definition of "Breeder" under UPOV: Why it matters

Demonstrating that agricultural objectives and realities should be considered when discussing the definition of "breeder" in UPOV, particularly in relation to the role of small-scale farmers. QUNO (October 2013)

Small-scale farmers: The missing element in the WIPO-IGC draft articles on genetic resources

Exploring the relationships between international negotiations related to intellectual property rules, innovation, small-scale farmers and food security. Susan Bragdon (July 2013)