



Presence in the World

SPIA is represented in all 5 continents

Europe: Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine

America: Canada

Asia: Mongolia

Africa: Chad, Ghana, Kenya, Senegal

Oceania: Australia

Areas of action

- Humanitarian: by implementing aid programs;
- Management of military conflicts and peace-building;
- Mine clearance: elimination of landmines and public awareness;
- Advisor to the United Nations Economic and Social Council since 1995.

Important dates

- September 29, 1988: Nobel Peace prize awarded to the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces in Oslo;
- November 19 1988: SPIA was founded in Lyon (International Headquarter);
- October 1992: Launch of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL);
- July 3rd 1995: SPIA becomes a recognized NGO with General Consultative Status under the Resolution 12-96 (XLIV) of the United Nations Economic and Social Council Awarding Commission;
- 1997: Nobel Peace prize for Mine Clearance;
- September 2002: The Soldiers of Peace International Day was recognized by the United Nations at the Geneva UN Palace.



International Day for the Soldiers of Peace at the United Nations in Geneva May 2013



SPIA strives to gather the 1 million peacekeepers who participated in the Peacekeeping Operations since 1948 by:

- creating associations or local representation offices;
- developing humanitarian partnerships;
- facilitating a network of volunteers which is a humanitarian taskforce for the United Nations.



**Knowledge transfer to the younger generation
United Nations in Geneva (UNOG)**

Partners

The United Nations, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, French Ministry of Veterans, UNITAR, UNIDIR, Human Rights Watch, United Nations Volunteers, Rhône-Alpes Region.

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Soldiers of Peace International Association

**NGO with General Consultative Status of the
United Nations Economic and Social Council**

*Resolution 12-96 (XLIV) of the United Nations
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History

The Soldiers of Peace International Association (SPIA) is an international organization that was founded on November 19, 1988. SPIA has a General Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 1995. The organization headquarter is based in Lyon, France and it has several head offices in Australia, Ireland, Kenya, Poland, Russia, Senegal, and Ukraine. Its founder and current president is Mr. Laurent ATTAR-BAYROU.

Missions

The Soldiers of Peace International Association has 5 missions:

- To be a proposal force for the United Nations and the international community on society current topics;
- To create associations in countries with former peacekeepers;
- Advocacy
- Humanitarian action
- And conflict resolution

Goals

- Make known peacekeeping missions;
- Serve the noble principles of the UN Charter;
- Raise awareness and have a global recognition of Peacekeepers;
- Help, support and provide assistance to former Peacekeepers and their families;
- Coordinate and implement peace actions in conflict countries;
- Maintain a pool of specialized skilled members at the disposal of the United Nations;
- Coordinate and contribute to humanitarian actions.

Members

The organization has over 30,000 members in more than fifteen countries (Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary Ireland, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Senegal, Slovakia, Sweden, and Ukraine) and individual members in Germany, Ghana, Great Britain, the Fiji Islands, Lebanon and United States.



**International Day for the Soldiers of Peace
United Nations in Nairobi May 2013**



Areas of activities

SPIA Humanitarian and Development

- Help disadvantaged populations;
- Act in urgent relief and development areas;
- Contribute in humanitarian and peace actions.

As of today, SPIA has conducted humanitarian actions in the following countries: Afghanistan, Angola, Benin, Cambodia, Chad, Haiti, Kenya, Lebanon, Pondicherry, Rwanda, Senegal, Somaliland, Togo, and former Yugoslavia.



Humanitarian Aid to Togo



Shipment for the Soldiers of Peace in Afghanistan.

IPA (International Peace Academy)

One of our projects is the creation of a peacekeeping school called the International Peace Academy, which will provide training, theoretical and practical courses on peacekeeping, security, and peace culture. This academy will be a place for documentation and exchanges through conferences and seminars. The school will host humanitarian actors, ex-military, diplomats, lawyers and/or officials of the United Nations. The academy aims to convey the necessary knowledge of peace and peacekeeping to humanity, but also aims at bringing together peace actors around exchanges. This academy will meet the expectations of men and women of the field that did not find any independent training or organization offering courses about global peacekeeping.



SPIA Mines

Created in 2001, its actions include disarmament, mine clearance and disposal of small caliber weapons and munitions. SPIA Mines also sits at the Disarmament International Conference, and at the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW).

The organization participates in the Ottawa Conference and also participates in discussions and conferences at the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD). SPIA Mines was able to develop a team of qualified staff who work on advocacy, mine clearance, awareness, victim assistance, expertise, and disposal of stocks. As of today SPIA has conducted public awareness missions about mine clearance in Angola, Casamance (Senegal) and Lebanon.



Example of a mine



Landmines awareness campaign for children in Angola, 2008

Purposes and Principles of the United Nations that SPIA adheres

- 1/ Maintaining international peace and security;
- 2/ Develop among nations friendly relations based on the people equality respect principle of equality of peoples and their right to have and take other appropriate measures to strengthen world peace;
- 3/ Achieve international co-operation;
- 4/ Be a center where the nations actions are harmonized towards common purposes.

Extract of the UN Charter Article 1 (Status of the International Court of Justice).