



FWCC Oral Statement to be delivered at the 63rd session of the Human Rights Council: *Synthesis report on actionable pathways in mobilizing sufficient climate financing and associated challenges and opportunities in the pursuit of the full realization of human rights for all people.*

Friends World Committee for Consultation, Quakers, express our deep appreciation to the Secretary-General for this synthesis report.

Sufficient climate finance is essential for trust and progress in climate negotiations and for transforming unsustainable energy, economic and agriculture systems that drive existential threats to humanity.

We welcome the report's findings on debt relief and tax justice to mobilize additional and non-debt-creating climate finance. This includes a Common Good Wealth tax, climate damages taxes grounded in the Polluter-Pays Principle, and aviation and shipping taxes.

However, one critical absence is any focus on shifting military spending toward climate finance and other life-saving efforts.

The IPCC concluded that '*moderate reductions in military spending ... could free up considerable resources.*'

Last year military expenditure reached \$2.8 trillion dollars, reflecting continued weapons growth at the expense of life-saving efforts, including climate finance.

Forests burn, crops die, glaciers collapse, people die in extreme heat, thousands die in war, and military emissions intensify existential global heating.

Our question for this dialogue is: '*how can we better engage our decision makers on prioritising climate finance over military spending as essential to humanity's safety and the full realisation of human rights for all?*'