

Does peacekeeping cost too much?

The cost of peacekeeping should be compared to the enormous cost of war – financially and in terms of human suffering. The annual cost of UN peacekeeping at the end of 2001 was \$3.04 billion – *well under half of 1 per cent of world military spending* (some \$800 billion annually, 2001), and less than the transportation budget of the State of Virginia in the United States (\$3.2 billion for fiscal year 2000-2001). By comparison, General Motors Corporation spent \$4 billion in advertising in 1999.

World military spending in 2004 passed \$1 Trillion.

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