**Event onboard Peace Boat at Sea:**

On April 26, a session was held with participants of Peace Boat’s 94th Global Voyage as the ship was at sea, during which SIPRI’s newly released 2016 data on global military spending where presented and discussed, in the context of the level of spending for education and social welfare, as well as current needs for responses to famine, conflict resolution, environment preservation and other global concerns.

To express their surprise and outrage at the current level of global military expenditures, participants held creative activities, including turning paper bombs into what they believed money should be allocated to. They also took selfies expressing their own ideas on "If I had $1.67 trillion, I would move the money to ..." A group photo with the GDAMS banner was taken, in solidarity with the events taking place around the world.

**Fund peace and reconciliation, not the military!**

On April 27, as Peace Boat called to Sri Lanka, a delegation of A-bomb survivors travelling as part of the “Peace Boat Hibakusha Project – Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World” visited the Office of National Unity and Reconciliation and held an exchange with youth from the organisation Sri Lanka Unites on the themes of reconciliation, justice, forgiveness, and inter-ethnic/inter-faith understanding at various levels of society.

As part of a joint exercise on the kind of future they want and the transformative role they can plan, the group made clear that the level of global military spending does not reflect their priority of achieving peace and reconciliation.