In 1985 there were over 29 million people working in armed forces worldwide. This includes the army, navy, airforce, and military administration. 33% of these people lived in Middle Eastern territories, including the Russian Federation.

In 1985 the three territories with the fewest military personnel per person living there were the Northern African territories of Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali. In these territories there was less than 1 person in the armed forces for every 1000 people living there. At the other extreme there were 37 armed forces personnel for every 1000 people in the Russian Federation.

“Before the terrifying prospects now available to humanity, we see even more clearly that peace is the only goal worth struggling for. This is no longer a prayer but a demand to be made by all peoples ...”

Albert Camus, 1945