

CALL OF THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM

FOR PEACE

Against Wars, Blockades, Military Spending, and the Genocide of the Palestinian People LET US SOW LIFE

On this September 21, declared by the UN as the International Day of Peace, dedicated to strengthening the ideals of peace, at a time when the increase in military spending is generating a spiral of warmongering that endangers the future of humanity, we, from the International Forum for Peace, wish to express our rejection of wars, the arms race, the arsenal of weapons of mass destruction, the exponential growth of military spending, and our defense of a future of Peace and progress for humanity.

The Trump administration, together with the countries that have joined its belligerent policy, undermines international law, multiplying its actions of interference, provocation, military aggression, and economic blockades against peoples and sovereign states. The NATO Summit in The Hague, which approved the largest increase in military spending in its history, confirmed that this organization remains a threat to world peace.

The genocide perpetrated by the Israeli government against the Palestinian people, with the collaboration of the U.S. and the inaction of the European Union and a significant part of the Western community, represents the greatest moral degradation of international relations and exposes the complete failure of the current Western security system, incapable of stopping the crimes of the Palestinian genocide and highlighting the need to bring those directly responsible for that genocide before international courts.

We especially recall that on September 18, 2024, the UN General Assembly approved a resolution demanding that Israel end its illegal occupation of Palestinian territories within twelve months, based on a prior opinion of the International Court of Justice. With that deadline now reached, we support the day of action and mobilization convened to demand compliance with this resolution and to pressure governments to take measures in case Israel fails to comply.

Likewise, the illegal occupation by the Kingdom of Morocco of territories in Western Sahara, in violation of UN resolutions, poses a permanent threat to peace and a constant obstruction of the Sahrawi people's right to self-determination.

We support the various international initiatives to end the war in Ukraine through negotiations based on international law.

The Helsinki Conference, held in 1975 under Cold War conditions, shows us that it is possible to agree on principles of cooperation and peaceful coexistence. Therefore, we reaffirm the Final Act of this Helsinki Conference, which established agreements on security, economic, scientific, and humanitarian cooperation, and the Paris Charter of 1990, which demonstrated that it is possible to advance toward the development of a model of shared security and a process of demilitarization for Europe.

Europe has chosen to betray the quest for peace, by proceeding at forced marches toward rearmament and militarization, obeying NATO commands and US demands to raise the military spending ceiling to 5% of GDP. This choice confirms the desire to intensify austerity and erase all the social and economic gains of

European workers, replacing welfare with a system of warfare, diverting resources from schools, healthcare, transportation, and housing to allocate billions to rearmament.

We support the European campaign, "StopRearm Europe," which primarily counters the cultural and media agenda that governments and elites are deploying to convince everyone of the need to arm themselves in the face of an enemy at their gates, rather than fostering peaceful coexistence and economic justice. It is clear that rearmament also serves to reinforce the neocolonial role that European countries intend to play in the new global scenario

The 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, with its trail of death and destruction, reminds us that the need for a world free of nuclear weapons remains, because true peace cannot exist under the threat of nuclear arms.

Aware of the danger that nuclear weapons pose to human and planetary security, we propose the conclusion of an international treaty that prohibits and ecologically destroys all nuclear arsenals.

We also call for an end to the war that has been raging for more than two years between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Sudanese paramilitary forces known as the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), with regional and international support, including weapons from Western countries. This war is further proof that no sincere efforts are being made to create a culture of peace, as the preference is to send weapons and foment conflict, even at the cost of provoking another genocide.

We also denounce the occupation of the North and South Kivu regions in the Democratic Republic of Congo by the M23/AFC groups and the agreements proposed by the US between the DRC and Rwanda, which reveal how Western countries place more importance on stealing natural resources than on making sincere efforts to create peace and justice in Africa.

Aware of the difficult moment we are living, this call seeks to give practical continuity to the historic traditions of struggle, unity, and mobilization of the International Peace and Disarmament Movement, demanding respect for the Charter of the United Nations and International Law, and consequently, the dissolution of NATO, the closure of the 800 U.S. military bases deployed around the world, total disarmament, and an end to interference and external aggression — with particular condemnation of the unjust and illegal inclusion of Cuba on an arbitrary list of countries accused unilaterally of supporting terrorism.

We denounce the new interventionist maneuvers of U.S. President Donald Trump, deploying a military fleet off the coast of Venezuela under the false pretext of the "fight against drug cartels," in an attempt to legitimize military intervention in Latin America and the Caribbean. This warlike action adds to other measures taken against governments that do not submit to its interests, such as the tariff measures adopted against Brazil and the attacks by the U.S. government on that country's Supreme Court over judicial processes against former president Jair Bolsonaro and his coup conspiracy.

Faced with this reality, which endangers the future of Humanity, it is necessary to move toward a world order based on disarmament and peaceful coexistence, in which solidarity and international cooperation prevail. A world order sustained by a common security architecture, grounded in respect for the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, with a multilateral character that prioritizes diplomacy, social justice, equality, and environmental sustainability, placing all necessary material and human resources at the service of solving humanity's most pressing problems: hunger, disease, poverty, inequality, and climate chaos.

This Declaration is a defence of peace and a condemnation of militarism in all its forms. It is intended as a call to governments, international institutions and peace organisations to redouble their efforts to halt the current spiral of war and to take the right side of history, the side that defends peace, solidarity and life against the barbarism of war, militarism and colonialism. From this perspective, we propose that stopping the current escalation of war is the responsibility of the entire international community.

Therefore, on 21 September, we call for the fight for peace, democracy, human rights for all, and environmental sustainability.

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