

**Communiqué of the Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting of the WPC
Kathmandu, 12-13th June, 2009**

1. The Asian Regional Consultative Meeting of the World Peace Council hosted by NPSC, was held in Kathmandu on 12-13th June 2009. Delegations from Bangladesh, Burma, India, Laos, Nepal, Pakistan, Vietnam and Syria attended this meeting. Also Com. Iraklis Tsavdaridis, Executive Secretary of WPC attended this meeting.
2. On the occasion of this Regional Meeting, a public meeting was held on 12th July. The main speaker was the Finance Minister of Nepal Mr. Surendra Pandey. The meeting was also addressed by the representatives of the main political parties of Nepal along with the representatives from WPC, Vietnam and India. Within the Framework of the Regional meeting a Seminar was organized on "Peace & Constitution writing process in Nepal". It was addressed by prominent personalities from Nepal.
3. The meeting having discussed the present developments expressed deep concern over the worsening situation in the region. The meeting has pointed out that the present developments in this region have proved that the US and the NATO having more common imperialist strategies for Asia-Pacific Region. The ongoing US and NATO military intervention in Afghanistan is a deliberate attempt to seize cross-roads of South, Central and Western Asia. It continues to occupy Iraq and threatens Iran with an eye on their oil. Its major ally Israel shamelessly and cruelly is making life miserable for the people of Palestine. Such policies are strengthening the forces of religious fundamentalism and terrorism in this region particularly in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.
4. The meeting while expressing its solidarity with the people of DPRK in their resolve to defend independence and sovereignty of their country from imperialist aggression expressed serious concern over nuclear explosions by DPRK and fast deteriorating situation in Korean Peninsula. The meeting hoped that the six party talks will resume as early as possible to achieve the denuclearization and peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula.
5. The meeting expressed its solidarity with the people of Nepal and hoped that it would carry forward the peace process and finalize the new constitution within stipulated time to meet the aspirations of the Nepalese people.

6. The meeting also expressed its strong support to the people of Burma who are fighting for the restoration of democracy and for the release of Madam Aung San Suu Kyi and all other political prisoners.

7. The meeting also expressed its strong solidarity with the Vietnamese victims of agent orange/dioxin in their struggle for justice.

8. Against this political background the meeting discussed the issues of coordination among the member and friendly organizations and finalized a mechanism. Member and friendly organization present at the meeting has agreed to keep in touch with its Regional Coordinator Vietnam Peace Council on regular basis.

9. The meeting has proposed to participate in the forthcoming Executive Committee Meeting of the World Peace Council to be held in Damascus in October 2009.

The meeting also passed other resolutions and agreed to affiliate new organizations from this region.

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