

Statement of the World Peace Council about the Serbian province of Kosovo

The World Peace Council is denouncing the new escalation in the developments on the "imperialist chessboard" of the Balkans, with the separatist and unilateral declaration of "independence" of the Kosovo.

Since the very bombing of NATO in 1999, where during the 78 days of the brutal aggression against the peoples of Yugoslavia, thousands of innocent civilians lost their lives, the goal of the imperialist forces and their war machinery in the region were clear. To divide in parts and control the whole area, neglecting and violating any international law or peoples' rights. A result of imposition of force was the UN Security Council Resolution 1244, upon which the UN amongst others mandated NATO to guarantee and monitor peace in Kosovo through the KFOR. But even this very "Resolution 1244", by which the NATO become ruler in a "de facto" protectorate, underlines strictly that Kosovo remains province of Yugoslavia, of which Serbia is the legal successor today.

Today, and while NATO is ready to hand over its rule to the European Union, we are witnessing a new act of flagrant violation of the sovereignty of an independent state, of the International law and the relevant UN resolutions.

Kosovo, whether as "NATO land" or "EU land", is one more prove for the cynical and inhuman policies of the USA, the EU and NATO on the Balkans. The WPC is expressing its solidarity with the peoples of ex-Yugoslavia and calling upon the peace loving forces in the area to unite and coordinate common actions against the imperialist plans.

The WPC is supporting and endorsing in this context fully the Meeting of Peace Movements of the Balkans and broader area organized by EEDYE, to be held in the Greek city of Thessaloniki on March 1-2, 2008.

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