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CPPC STATEMENT

On the declaration of "Independence" of Kosovo

The "unilateral declaration of independence" of the Serbian province of Kosovo, rehearsed on February 17th, confirms the real objective of the criminal war against Yugoslavia in 1999 – amputating from a sovereign state an historic slice of its territory and positioning there a permanent military force, enlarging NATO's presence in Europe.

Therefore, the CPPC esteems that there aren't any doubts left about the fact that this "declaration of independence" of Kosovo was promoted by the United States of America, European Union and NATO, as part of their strategy – continuing the process of dismantling former Yugoslavia and supported by the UÇK war criminals now reconverted into dedicated "democrats" – of maintaining this important region as their protectorate.

The CPPC alerts to the unpredictable consequences contained in this attitude regarding the peoples and countries of this region, increasing the risk of unleashing in this region a new wave of international conflicts, wars and interventions.

The declaration adopted at the European Meeting in defence of Peace, held in Lisbon, 28-29 September 2007, already anticipated the purpose of intervention linked to that initiative and its illegality, and already then alerted to its consequences which threaten Europe's de-militarization and Peace.

The CPPC recalls that this proclamation clearly violates international law and the UN Resolutions which always ensured the inviolability of Serbia's borders.

The CPPC demands that the Portuguese government assumes, in this process and in all arenas, particularly in the European Union, a behaviour of respect for international law, by not recognising Kosovo's "independence" and rejects any eventual intention of strengthening Portuguese military contingents in the region.

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