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STATEMENT on the "CIA flights"

The report of the British NGO, REPRIEVE, on the "CIA flights ", re-launches the issue of Portugal's involvement in crimes against mankind, against justice, against international law and against peace.

According to that report, 728 of the 744 prisoners illegally transported to the North-American base of Guantanamo, would have passed under Portuguese jurisdiction, be it through the utilisation of Portuguese air space or landed in runways located in Portuguese territory.

The report findings already led to the re-opening of the enquiry in the European Parliament.

The CPPC urges the Portuguese government to inform the Portuguese people if it had knowledge of the nature of those secret operations in Portuguese soil and air space and demands that Portugal adopts an active policy of peace and respect for international law, since no "international engagements "may justify connivance with illegal and inhumane actions.

The CPPC reaffirms its exposure of the so called "war on terrorism " , which has led to the retreat of citizens' rights and guarantees, has justified for illegitimate and immoral wars of aggression, has caused suffering and death and has promoted state terrorism.

The CPPC also reaffirms that it is not with injustice, torture and arbitrary measures that peace and security are attained. Quite on the contrary.

The CPPC reasserts its belief that the respect of the international community is only achieved by defending peace, human rights, justice and international law.

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