The meeting of the Secretariat today ... takes place in the city where two important organizations are situated: the European Union and NATO, two political, economic and military structures hostile to the peoples of Europe and the whole world. The Lisbon Treaty of the EU and the new strategic concept of NATO to be approved in Lisbon next month are the reactionary guidelines of the two imperialist mechanisms, which work hand in hand despite all antagonisms and contradictions.

Our meeting takes place in the midst of the capitalist economic crisis, with serious consequences for the working people and popular masses in every country due to the anti-people and anti-labor measures the governments in the capitalist countries are taking in order to secure the interests of capital and the monopolies. Unemployment is reaching record highs with additional millions of people becoming marginalized and impoverished. New privileges are being given to big Capital and corporations while their profits are growing. In the year 2010 we observed the massive protests, strikes and mobilizations of working people and social unions worldwide. The anti-imperialist peace movement is intensifying and NATO takes an active part in these struggles against the barbaric attack on workers rights, salaries and pensions, which had been achieved through decades of struggles.

The EU, the IMF and the World Bank are serving together with the respective governments everywhere in this trend of social cuts and increase of profits, against the will and interests of the vast majority in each country. At this moment, when the private debts are reaching the highest amounts ever. More than 81.46 trillion (ISPI) data were spent in 2009, half of this by the US which constitutes an increase of 50% in ten years.

Last Year, the WPC initiated a campaign against NATO, this aggressive war machinery, which is acting worldwide. The WPC has stood firm against NATO from the very first moment of its founding. We are continuing our struggle today while NATO is heading towards its Lisbon summit where it will approve its new strategic concept. It will allow and enable NATO to act worldwide as the “World Sheriff,” wherever the interests and profits of the monopolies are at stake.

The Group of Experts report, which serves as a basis for the next summit, was prepared by a group of personalities serves as a basis for the next summit, was prepared by a group of personalities, personalities and political, representatives of nations and world peace is indispensable to the peoples of the world.

The Campaign “Peace, Yes! NATO, No!” also denounces the attitude of the Portuguese government which, whilst taking part in NATO negotiations, conceals from the Portuguese people the stances which it takes and does not promote a broad, serious and plural national debate regarding the serious consequences of tying Portugal to the agitational escalation of militarism and war — an escalation which is in outright contradiction with the text of the Constitution of the Portuguese Republic.

Portugal will soon host the NATO Summit, at the same time as its budget allocations for military aggressions against peoples are growing. These aggressions run totally counter to the national interest and are an open disrespect of the Constitution of the Republic.

In Portugal, as in the European Union countries in general, it is those who live from their work, it is the pensioners, the latter who are the disregard for the sovereignty of peoples and war, are the same ones who are chiefly responsible for a deteriorating economic and social situation worldwide.

Abolish All Nuclear Weapons!

Socorro Gomes
President, World Peace Council

The mobilization of hundreds of social organizations of the peace movement and international solidarity all over the world in face of the nuclear weapons issue is of the greatest importance. The World Peace Council takes part in the Disarm Now! initiative with the conviction that the debates held here may contribute, with so many others, to strengthen the movement for peace, disarmament and the elimination of all nuclear weapons from the face of the earth. It is with that same spirit that the World Peace Council, as a member of the UN’s Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) will attend all talks in the review conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and will submit its deliberations to be debated by pacifist movements, social movements, non-governmental organizations, personalities and political, cultural and academic institutions. Forming a collective awareness of the threats that bean over the rights of the peoples, the sovereignty of nations and world peace is indispensable and cannot be postponed. We are an organization that has been fighting for 60 years for peace and for the abolition of nuclear weapons participated actively in dismembering Yugoslavia, in the barbaric bombardment of Serbia for 78 days, in the overthrow of regimes through "orange revolutions", in the occupation of Afghanistan. NATO continues its plans for the “Great Middle East”, enlarging its range of actions through the “Partnership for Peace” and "special cooperation" in Asia and Latin America, as well as the “European Army.”

All governments of the member states share responsibility in NATO, regardless the leading role of the US administration. The whatsoever different approaches on some issues reflect particular views and rivalries but they always lead to the common aggressive confrontation with the peoples. We condemn the policy of the European Union, which coincides with NATO’s policy, and with the Lisbon Treaty that goes hand in hand with it in the political and military fields. The military expenditure of the EU in mission abroad has increased between 2002 and 2010.
NATO is not welcome in Portugal!

NATO is not welcome in Portugal! (from p. 1) and least protected, that are burdened with “sacrifices”, whilst at the same time there are growing and immense profits, subsidies and handouts. There is no lack of money for blackmail, interference and war.

Regarding the trip to Portugal by the NATO Secretary General, within the context of the preparation of that organization’s Summit which, among other goals, seeks to reformatulate its strategic concept, the Campaign “Peace, Yes! NATO, No!” considers it necessary to denounce that:

1. The recently-disclosed contents of the so-called “analytical and recommendations of the group of experts for NATO’s new strategic concept” (a group which, significantly, was chaired by Madeleine Albright, Clinton’s Secretary of State during the illegal aggression against Yugoslavia in 1999), although devoid of fundamental novelties, can only give rise to greater concerns regarding the real dangers and threats which it poses for the peoples, and the qualitative leap which is being prepared for the NATO Summit in Portugal.

2. In this document, it is defended that NATO should “simplify” and foment its aggressive acts of interference using any pretext; that it encourage higher military budgets (namely of its European members); an arms race; the setting up of foreign military bases and the deployment of troops outside the borders of NATO’s member countries; the transformation of the national armed forces into mobile and expeditionary forces at the service of NATO; that is, of the interests and ambitions of domination of the U.S. and the big EU powers; interference, the militarization of international relations; the destabilization of the world; the transformation of the national armed forces into mobile and expeditionary forces at the service of NATO—today, that is, of the interests and ambitions of domination of the U.S. and the big EU powers; interference, the militarization of international relations; the destabilization of the world; NATO’s illegal actions or, should that not be possible, is overtly flouted, claiming that any “threat” is reason enough to unleash interference and war;

3. NATO seeks to enlarge its sphere of action through the establishment of so-called “partnerships” with countries, regional or international organizations (including the UN) with varying contents, form and duration, considering that it is not possible to reform or rationalize NATO’s (administrative) expenses, but only in order to channel more resources towards wars of aggression against the peoples, as happens in Afghanistan, where it is confronting growing difficulties;

4. In a sentence, the document is a declaration of war against the peoples of the world.

With the increasingly overt and unacceptable goals of NATO’s Summit, the demands and aspirations of the Campaign “Peace, Yes! NATO, No!” become increasingly relevant and justifiable.

To express the opposition of the Portuguese people to the holding of the NATO summit on the western coast of Portugal;

To demand that the government withdraw the Portuguese forces that are involved in NATO military missions;

To demand disarmament and an end to nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction;

To demand from the Portuguese authorities full respect for the contents of the UN Charter and of the Constitution of the Portuguese Republic, full respect for International Law and the sovereignty and equality of the peoples.

The Campaign “Peace, Yes! NATO, No!” considers that it is not possible to reform or integrate NATO’s so-called “new” concept that is being prepared, by deleting or rewording some paragraphs. What is needed is its total and immediate rejection.

The struggle for peace and against war is an integral part and a necessary condition for progress and social justice. Let’s work to embody these aspirations and demands, whose spirit and ideal is enshrined in the Constitution of the Portuguese Republic, the Campaign “Peace, Yes! NATO, No!” has, among other initiatives that were carried out or are planned, collected 13,000 signatures in a citizens’ petition to Parliament; it now convened a demonstration on November 20th, in Lisbon, and scheduled a youth camp for July 23 to 25 in Avis.

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Communiqué of the Middle East Regional Meeting of the WPC

(Cairo, Egypt — September 26, 2010)

The participants of the regional meeting observed the pressure and threats against Syria, with the Israeli forces attacking its territories while it is accused of cooperation with terrorist, aiming at international isolation of Syria due to its anti-imperialist policy.

The systematic campaign against Iran organized by Israel, the USA and its European allies on the nuclear issue creates tension and is preparing the public opinion in their countries and in the countries of the region for a new aggression. The WPC regional meeting is opposed to the imposition of economic sanctions by the UN Security Council against Iran and any further punitive sanctions by the EU, and supports the right for peaceful use of nuclear energy for its country, business for the oil and other multinationals are being secured. The military and political domination is secured through the Occupation and exploitation of Iraq and Afghanistan, placing at the same time threats to other countries through the huge military presence in and around the region.

The participants of the meeting denounced the new reactionary strategic concept of NATO which leads to a role as “World Sheriff” wherever the interests of imperialism are at stake.

The participants of the meeting reiterate their position for universal and complete nuclear disarmament emphasizing in the Middle East at the Nuclear Program of Iran which constitutes a threat to the peoples of the area.

The use of nuclear weapons in a new war would mean the end of humanity. This was candidly foreseen by scientist Albert Einstein who was able to measure their destructive capability to generate millions of degrees of heat, which would vaporize everything within a wide radius of action. This brilliant researcher had promoted the development of this weapon, Albert Einstein who was able to measure their destructive capability to generate millions of degrees of heat, which would vaporize everything within a wide radius of action. This brilliant researcher had promoted the development of this weapon in a new war would mean the end of humanity. This was candidly foreseen by scientist Albert Einstein who was able to measure their destructive capability to generate millions of degrees of heat, which would vaporize everything within a wide radius of action. This brilliant researcher had promoted the development of this weapon in a new war would mean the end of humanity. This was candidly foreseen by scientist Albert Einstein who was able to measure their destructive capability to generate millions of degrees of heat, which would vaporize everything within a wide radius of action. This brilliant researcher had promoted the development of this weapon in a new war would mean the end of humanity. This was candidly foreseen by scientist Albert Einstein who was able to measure their destructive capability to generate millions of degrees of heat, which would vaporize everything within a wide radius of action. This brilliant researcher had promoted the development of this weapon.

The Peace movement and peace-loving peoples in the region are facing the consequences of the capitalist economic crisis with brutal social cuts and growing unemployment, the participants of the meeting observed the growing military expenditure and aggressiveness of imperialism and the immense profits of the multinational companies.

The situation in the broader area is explosive. The Palestinian Tragedy is continuing for more than 60 years without indications for a near end, Israeli occupation and annexation of territories, settlements, separation wall, invasions, demolishing of houses, arrest and killing of civilians is a daily policy, while more than 50 – 60 percent of Palestinian people are refugees. The ongoing slow genocide against the Palestinian people is a result also of the full support by the USA and the EU to the Israeli occupation. We demand the immediate lifting of the Israeli siege and blockade of the Palestinian Gaza strip, where the people live in inhumane conditions.

The ongoing occupation and destruction of Iraq, the killing of more than 100,000 Iraqi people, religious and ethnic wars for its division, and control of the oil reserves is brutal evidence for the unchanged strategy of the US administration and its willing allies which maintain 50,000 troops of occupation, in threatening at the same time neighbour countries and peoples. The meeting expressed its solidarity to the Iraqi people in its desire to liberate their country, and their right to resist their occupiers.

The Israeli aggression against Lebanon in 2006 and the recent incident at the border area underlines the aggressive attitude of Israel, which failed due the heroic resistance of the Lebanese people who, refused to accept the division of their country.

The meeting denounced the use of phos- phorus bombs by Israel in Iraq, Jordan, Palestine and Syria internationally prohibited weapons, in the Israeli military operations against civilians in both Gaza and Lebanon. Up to one million unexploded cluster bombs are in use in south Lebanon after the 2006 aggression, posing a continuing risk to civilians and environment.

The regional meeting notes with concern the growing religious fundamentalist tendencies in the region, which are being used by imperialism for their plans.

• A firm rejection of every threat against Iran and the support full support for the struggle of the Iranian people and their progressive forces to find solutions for the internal problems faced by the country on the basis of preserving the sovereignty and independence of Iran and without any external interference, denouncing any plan for a military attack on Iran under whatever pretext.

• Ensuring equal rights for all Arab citizens in Israel. On this respect, the WPC rejects the idea of recognizing Israel as “Jewish State.”

Today this meeting in Cairo shall be a boost for the further strengthening of the WPC in the Middle East. As stronger the WPC will be in the Middle East as stronger will be the resistance of our peoples to the imperialist plans.

Cairo, 26th September 2010

The Middle East Regional Meeting of WPC

Attending Organizations:

• Palestinian Committee for Peace and Solidarity
• Peace Association of Turkey
• Syrian National Peace Council
• Lebanese Peace Council
• Jordanian Peace and Solidarity Council
• Committee for the Defence of Palestinian People’s Rights
• Egyptian Peace Committee
• Iraqi Peace and Solidarity Council from the Middle East

Guest Organizations:

• Peace Association of Turkey
• Adila Peace & Solidarity Council
• Cyprus Peace Council
• Greek Committee for International
• IFM Committee for the Defence of Palestinian People’s Rights
• Sudan Peace and Solidarity Council
• Delegations from AAPSO and the WPC

President of the Regional Meeting: WPC in the Middle East. As stronger the WPC will be in the Middle East as stronger will be the resistance of our peoples to the imperialist plans.
The Meeting of the Secretariat of the WPC took place successfully in Brussels from October 10-12, 2010. Participating were 10 members of the Secretariat from Brazil, Greece, Egypt, Austria, Portugal, Syria, Germany, India and Viet Nam. Also participating were 19 European organizations from Spain, Italy, Belgium, Germany, Turkey, Cyprus, Poland, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Serbia, Georgia, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Austria, Switzerland and Iran (guest), which held a regional meeting on October 11, 2010, attended as well by the Secretariat.

The two basic political texts presented were the speech of the President of WPC, Socorro Gomez, and the Report of the General Secretary Thanassis Pafilis. Both texts are considered documents of the meeting (see attached docs) and will be published on the website of the WPC.

The Secretariat observed the positive steps of the WPC in the different fronts of struggle in many corners of the world and expressed its appreciation for the regional meeting of the WPC, Middle East in Cairo on the October 26, 2010.

A high point of the WPC meeting was the visit of the Cuban delegation composed of Adriana Pérez O’Cónmor and Olga Salamana-seva, wives of Gerando Hernandez and René Gonzalez, respectively, who are two of the five Cuban political prisoners held unjustly in US prisons. The meeting welcomed the Cuban friends and expressed its unconditional support for the struggle to release the “Cuban Five” as well as the solidarity of the WPC towards Socialist Cuba. The WPC meeting agreed to run an international campaign from December till May 2011, which shall culminate with the International Conference on the Province Guantanamo, Cuba.

Among the elements of the campaign will be a call to all WPC members and friends with a special WPC poster, a demand to the White House for the release of the Cuban Five, an intervention at the Human Rights Council of the UN, a call for the demilitarization and coordination of common actions with other international organizations (e.g., WFTU, WPDY, WDPF, OSPAAAL). The Secretariat expressed solidarity with the people and government of Cuba against the criminal blockade and denounced the “com- mon position” of the EU towards Cuba. It decided furthermore to symbolically honor the “Cuban Five” as Fighters for Peace during the next WPC Executive Committee Meeting.

A special point on the agenda of the regional meeting and the Secretariat was the discussion and agreed on concrete future actions and a calendar of upcoming events. The following events were highlighted:

- The continental conference of Peace Movements organized by MOMPDAE in Mexico City on October 21-22, 2010.
- The international meeting “Yes to Peace, No to NATO!” in Lisbon on November 19, 2010 (organized by the WPC and the CPPC, and the international participation in the demonstration for November 20, 2010 organized by the “Yes to Peace, No to NATO!” Campaign.
- The International Day of Action for the Abolition of all Foreign Military Bases (based on the Continental Campaign against bases) on December 10, 2010.
- The WPC, self-organized event during the participation of the WPC in the Indian Forum in Dakar Senegal, February, 2011.
- The WPC Regional Conference in Mozou, Dominican Republic from March 17, 2011.
- The WPC International Solidarity Mission to Palestine at the end March 2011.
- The meeting of the Executive Committee of the WPC, April 29-30, 2011 in Havana, Cuba.
- Participation in the May Day events in Havana.
- The International Meeting in the Cuban province of Guantanamo against the deployed US Military Base and concentration camp on May 4-5, 2011. The event will take place as part of the Continental Campaign against the Foreign Military Bases.

The celebration present in the World Peace Council (WPC) meeting in Brussels, October 10-12, 2010 agreed on actions for peace and against NATO during the NATO summit of Lisbon and agreed on actions to

- Endorse the international WPC/Portuguese Council for Peace and Cooperation appeal (http://www.wpc-in.org/)
- Salute the peace loving forces of Portugal and support the aims and initiatives of the “Yes to Peace! No to NATO!” Campaign.
- Call upon all peace loving forces and the anti-imperialist movement to actively support the CPCC in the preparations of the massive people’s protests, which will culminate on December 10 and 11.
- No to NATO!” campaign demonstration at 15 hrs. in Lisbon (Marques de Pombal — Ave- ni da de Liberdade — Restauradores).
- Insist and call for active participation in the international meeting for peace and against NATO of the WPC and the CPCC on November 19 under the title: “Yes to Peace! No to NATO! NATO — enemy of peace and the peoples — DISSOLVE IT!”
- Call upon the peace movements in Europe, at all European Union states and the whole world, to organize initiatives, protests and demonstrations in their own countries against NATO member governments and the US base in NATO of the WPC in “May Action days (November 19-20), coincident with the NATO summit.

Belgrade Forum for a World of Equals November 5, 2010

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Brussels — October 10-12, 2010

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O ne year of the NATO Lisbon summit there is a need to recall that eleven years ago Serbia (FRY) was a testing ground and first victim of so-called new concept of NATO strategy which is to be finally endorsed in Lisbon this November (19/20).

It is expected that the leaders of NATO members will, among other things, authorize themselves to undertake military actions beyond the area of their own territories, in fact, all NATO members will have to be of defensive but offensive when ever they consider this to be in their interest. NATO will not seek authorizations of the UN Security Council for the use of military force. It imposes itself above UN, OSCE and all other international bodies. Division of burden and tasks with European Union will be the pillar of the new NATO strategic concept.

All this and much more, was evidently tested in Serbia (FRY) in 1999. During 72 days of continuous military aggression NATO left thousands of dead, two thirds civilians, economy completely destroyed, environment polluted by depleted uranium missiles, hundreds of thousands of displaced. Even today, some of the buildings in the heart of Belgrade remain in ruins while over 200.000 of Serbs from Kosovo and Metohija cannot return to their homes.

NATO countries supported unilateral illegal secession of Kosovo and Metohija from Serbia (February 2008), then they led the process of recognition of illegal创建 of theirs. In the 90-ties many NATO countries had been financing, training and arming terrorist KLA. In return, KLA was their ground and first victim of so-called new concept of military force. Today NATO is arming, training and financing illegal Army of illegal Kosovo and Metohija composed of elements of former terrorist KLA, USA, Britain, Germany and Turkey are leading participants in this process.

No wonder that Kosovo and Metohija is perceived by some as NATO-state, by others as a country. In any case, military base “Bondsteel” in Kosovo remains the largest USA base in Europe (some claim in the world). The Province, with about 9,000 KFOR (NATO) troops continues to be recruiting ground for drug mafia and transit route of heroin from Afghanistan to Central and Northern Europe.

The last weekend “representatives” of Albanians from Serbia, FYROM (Macedo nia), Greece and Montenegro gathered in Tirana from where they formally proclaim their common objective – to establish Greater Albania. All Albanians in one state! Thus, NATO aggression on Serbia in 1999, NATO strategy in general, led to rise of secessions, legitimation of interventions, undermining of the role of UN and international law.

NATO made Balkan region of lasting instability. Is this the role of NATO that Europe and the world want to see in the future?

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Greece, Turkey and Cyprus will do their part to create a “culture of common struggle” between Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots and to reinforce the common struggle to mobilize all forces of the peace movement and to reinforce the common struggle to mobilize all forces of the peace movement and to oppose imperialism and be part of the Continental Campaign against the Foreign Military Bases. We say “NO” to new US bases and nuclear weapons in the Balkans. We demand the re- turn of all our countries’ troops that are taking part in military missions in other countries. We say “NO” to a mercenary army and to outsourced military spending.

We are standing against the all-out offen sive of imperialism with our common action that will oppose imperialism and be part of the Continental Campaign against the Foreign Military Bases. We say “NO” to new US bases and nuclear weapons in the Balkans. We demand the return of all our countries’ troops that are taking part in military missions in other countries. We say “NO” to a mercenary army and to outsourced military spending.

We are standing against the all-out offensive of imperialism with our common action that will oppose imperialism and be vanguard in the consolidation of friendship, solidarity and cooperation with all peoples and within the framework of the WPC’s anti-imperialist action.
Climate change makes these resources possible in the Arctic. They especially mention with accusations that the Norwegian share the blame for the balance of terror in the cold war. The military intelligence agency violated Finnish and Norwegian territorial sovereignty almost daily, using Finnish and Norwegian agents and provocateurs, under orders from the CIA of the US and MI6 of Britain. Norway has allowed treasure missions to be conducted via our airports, and Norwegian fishing vessels have spied on our neighbors at sea. Norway shares the blame for the balance of terror after the war. NATO and Norwegian defense are developing a new strategic concept for the northern regions, according to the leading Norwegian government authorities. In their view, the cold war is over. The "aggressive" socialist Soviet Union is gone. Russia is a democracy, not a threat to Norway, and also a member of partnership for peace with NATO. Does this mean that they are ready for disarmament? No! Norway is to receive 50 new US fighter jets within 2-3 years. We will not disarm? No! Norway is to receive 50 new US fighter jets within 2-3 years. We will not pre-emptive aggression against us to work toward the establishment of a new strategic concept.

The report from the EU's two foreign policy officials to the 27 heads of government gathering in Brussels for this summit warns that "significant potential conflicts" are likely in the decades ahead as a result of "intensified competition over access to, and control over, energy resources." The seven-page report has also been sent to top EU officials including Jean-Claude Juncker, the European Commission president, and Benita Ferrero-Waldner, the commissioner for external relations. It raises the need for energy wars to mass migration, failed states and political radicalisation.

The report notes that "The Arctic has become an arena of strategic and imperialist concepts. We have professional soldiers in Afghanistan with the ISAF forces under NATO's command. Norwegian military units whose intended purpose is national defence, have become a vital part of NATO's hastened and pre-emptive aggression against other countries. Not least in the north against Russia, that is. We see many crises and problems with the many tasks that are to be solved in this area, concerning Russia.

Norwegian peace researchers point out that the biggest problem here is still that Norway is a member of NATO. Russia still views NATO as an aggressive bloc as a threat.

This puts Norway in a pinch. Norway has no plans to end the NATO memberships. On the contrary, it still sees NATO membership as its most important safety policy, partly because of Russia. There is an increase in military activity in the northern regions, along with an aggressive Russian rhetoric in conjunction with Russia's military exercises. The Russian radar at Stavdahl was gathering information for NATO, to mention one example of cases where there is cooperation between Norway and Russia can be broken.

Several NATO reports predict conflicts in the northern regions as a result of climate change. The melting of the polar ice cap is a threat. This process puts the Arctic in a threat. It has already created "minor tensions" between Russia and NATO member Norway over fishing rights around the islands of Spitsbergen... have large deposits of gas and oil that are currently locked under a frozen sea bed... will precipitate security issues for Europe, ranging from energy wars to mass migration, failed states and political radicalisation.

The report notes that "The Arctic is a greater rich-poor and north-south tension because global warming is disproportionately caused by the wealthy north and west and its impact will be most catastrophic in the poor south. The rapid melting of the polar ice caps, in particular the Arctic, is opening up new waterways and international trade routes, the report notes. The increased accessibility of the enormous hydrocarbon resources in the Arctic region is changing the geopolitical dynamics of the region. The Arctic has already created "minor tensions" between Russia and NATO member Norway over fishing rights around the islands of Spitsbergen... have large deposits of gas and oil that are currently locked under a frozen continental shelf," the document states. "If global warming were to allow this to become a viable source of energy, a serious conflict could emerge between Russia and Norway." This "potential crisis" would draw in the US, Canada and Denmark... could cause major and viable energy resources and precious raw materials."

With specific reference to Arctic exploration, the report notes, "The scramble for resources will intensify." Afghanistan and Iraq must have our full focus and are today the most dangerous places for peace activists. Against this backdrop, we will nevertheless call upon WPC’s attention to the development in the North that may escalate old conflicts between NATO and Russia, and generate new ones. Still the Norwegian membership in NATO represents, firstly, a major threat against our sovereignty to solve our controversies with Russia in our own terms without any interference, primarily from the USA; secondly, Norway and the Polar Sea will be pivotal over by NATO’s new out-of-area strategy: a strategy we saw demonstrated first in Yugoslavia, now in Afghanistan and in Iraq. Therefore, the Norwegian peace movement claims today: Norway out of NATO. NATO out of Norway. Fight NATO’s aggressive and imperialistic conduct and advancement in the world.
Speech by the Executive Secretary of WPC at the International Friendship Meeting of the VUFO

We celebrate and congratulate for the unification of Vietnam. Vietnam represented us for always the soul and heart of WPC activities for many decades. Numerous of posters, leaflets, statements, conferences, protests and rallies were held along with interventions at UN and other international fora were held during the years. In 1960 a special conference was held in Stockholm under the leadership of Romesh Chandra, then General Secretary of WPC in order to condemn and denounce the US government for its military and police activities against peaceful people. Till the end of the dirty war, every year a similar conference was being held to remind and increase the pressure on the USA to withdraw its occupation troops from Vietnam. Similar events took under the auspices of the WPC around the world.

Dozens of peoples, millions of people all over the world, identified themselves with your struggle. Generations of youth and students were inspired by your glorious and heroic resistance twice, first against the French imperialist-establishments rule and later against the US imperialists. And you won both times, excepting once with multiple strike force and arms, face to face.

The reasons for your triumph on 30th April 1975 were simple and just ideas and principles on the one hand and the wise and brilliant leadership of President Ho Chi Minh on the other. Vietnam today remains still a source of inspiration for many peoples.

Speech by Iraklis Tsavdaridis, Executive Secretary WPC, at the International Friendship meeting of the VUFO on the 35th anniversary of the liberation of South Vietnam — Ho Chi Minh City, April 30, 2010

The VUFO would like to express sincere thanks to the Vietnamese Union of Friendship Organizations and our warmest congratulations on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the victory and liberation of South Vietnam and the reunification of the fatherland. I would like to convey the appreciation of many generations of peace fighters and the respect of more than 100 Organisations from respective countries worldwide.

Celebrating 35 years from the defeat of US Imperialism in this country and in this city, we celebrate the victory of Peace and Justice over the invasions and mass killings against a people which fought bravely for its dignity, freedom and independence.

Under the slogan: NATO Enemy of the Peoples and of Peace, DISMANTLE IT! the WPC is calling upon all Organizations in NATO member States and the entire world for the endorsement of this appeal, underlining the following aspects:

• NATO has been an aggressive and reactionary force since its founding in 1949. The Warsaw Treaty had been created later and was dissolved earlier.

• NATO has had its hands dipped in the blood of many peoples for 60 years and cannot constitute “a peacemaking force” within the UN framework.

• Despite the domination of the USA, aggressions are waged together with other imperialist forces, which do not change the character of NATO.

• NATO is directly bound to the EU and vice versa, as a large number of EU countries are also members of NATO, as well as through the NATO treaties and capitulations embedded in the “Lisbon Treaty”.

• All governments of NATO member countries bear responsibility for its action; they support its imperialist plans.

The NATO war against Yugoslavia in 1999 was a milestone of two dogmas at the time of its summit in Washington 1999. The fact that the EU was never a “democratic counterweight” to the USA was revealed then.

• NATO acts as a global policeman with collaborators on all continents, carrying out its Plan for a “Greater Middle East” and actively intervening in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and elsewhere.

We fully support and endorse the Portuguese campaign “Yes to peace, No to NATO!” which unites dozens of movements and social organisations. We call upon all peace loving organisations to join forces under this appeal and meet in November 2010 in Lisbon.

World Peace Council (WPC)
Portuguese Council for Peace and Cooperation (CPPC)

Moroccan Authorities’ Brutal Attack on El Aaiun Protest Camp in Occupied Western Sahara

A was expected to occur, according to various Saharawi human rights activists and residents of the camp, Moroc- can authorities had, early morning, sent troops and police to forcibly dismantle the Gslaim Ijik camp, where more than 25,000 Saharawi have set up tents to claim their hu- man rights in Western Sahara, and the respect of their right to self-determination.

The brutal intervention in the camp started at 6:00 AM local time Monday, No- vember 8, 2010. Moroccan military forces have been arriving in the area since yester- day to dismantle the camp. The military forces, gendarmesry and auxiliary forces are accompanied by Jewish settlers flying over the area and launching tear gas as well as flares that explode in the air to create panic among the residents.

According to the latest reports, at least one Saharawi civilian has been killed and hundreds injured in the clashes as a result of the military and police brutal intervention. Several media sources have quoted witnesses as stating that Moroccan security forces tar- geted women, children and elderly people.

On October 30, 2010 WFDY President Conrado Tiago Vieira, was Conrado Tiago was denised to assess the situation in the protest camp near El Aaiun in the occupied territories of Western Sahara. Equally, several journalists, three Spanish regional MP’s and Inquiempedas Unida MEP Willy Meyers were all detained at the Morocco frontier over the weekend as they tried to visit the camp to witness first-hand the reality on the ground, and were forcibly returned to Spain. Morocco has refused to allow interna- tional journalists or independent observers access to the camp in El Aaiun.

To prevent an escalation of this poten- tially tragic situation, WFDY calls upon the international community and all its member

for exclusive actions in Lisbon, without the CoP and the WPC, as they acted on other occasions before. We rejected those actions and their hostile behavior towards the WPC.... Our approach is one of anti-imperialist unity, aiming at the broad massive awakening and struggle against NATO, the member states governments, and their decisions and acts.

We do not believe in any kind of transformation of NATO, nor do we have any illusions at the role of the EU, counted in as counterweight to NATO or the USA.

We are very confident that the massive popular anti-NATO activities of the CoP and the WPC in Lisbon will be the best response to all kinds of political games.

The protest against NATO and its summit in Lisbon will mark a further important step forward in the anti-imperialist struggle of the peoples....
Joint Communiqué of EEDYE, the Peace Association of Turkey, and the Cyprus Peace Council

Mytilini, Lesvos, Greece — 22 May 2010

The Peace Committees of our countries are bound to break out, accompanied by fresh and intense.

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Spanish Council in Defense of Solidarity and Peace (CEDESPAZ): Report to the European Coordination Meeting

Brussels — October 2010

...likely we want to say hello to all European organizations, regional coordination and WPC. Have fraternal greetings on behalf of each and all the colleagues of CEDESPAZ, Spain.

In these days of compromise and fight we want to welcome the initiative of the comrades of the Portuguese Council for Peace and Cooperation, on the mass mobilization, which will be held in Lisbon next November for peace and against existence of this terrible organization, guarantee of violence and slaughter, which is NATO.

Through this humble paper we want to show all our sympathy, solidarity and congratulations to the Portuguese colleagues for organizing this great event. We also wish to express our support and our commitment to assisting with it. Also, we wish you luck and success in the demonstrations and the day of general strike against the unfair measures taken by the Portuguese government against the workers.

In March 2009, the WPC, European coordination meeting, held in Belgrade, said it was important to stress the undeniable connection between the culture of violent resolution of conflicts, lack of solidarity and the interests of capitalism, which produce invasion, war and injustice. Imperialism, the great predator of capitalism, which produce invasion, war and injustice.

In this context, the WPC expresses its solidarity to the peace loving people and the anti-imperialist movement in Ecuador, allowing domestic and foreign reactionary forces to intervene. The attempted coup comes as continuation of the coup d'etat against the National Conference on the Establishment of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (MINURSO), which has a very large number of public institutions in Spain working for the recognition of the SADR. This meeting was attended by fellow Iraklis Tsardanlis, WPC Secretary, partner Tapaz Askol, from the Palestinian Council, and a significant group of Portuguese representatives and CPC itself.

In the same way, we took part in the activities that have been developed in solidarity with Amniyat Hazar; from the state platform of Madrid, acts in Valencia, Extremadura and Andalucía, culminating in a big event in solidarity with Western Sahara next November 19 in Seville.

Like the Saharás, Cuba and liberation movements in all of Latin America still have a role to play in the cause of solidarity in daily work. In October 2009, CEDESPAZ organized activities in different parts of Spanish territory in protest against the coup d'etat in Honduras, which culminated in a ceremony in Seville that largely covered the venue of one of the theaters in the city, and had many personalities from culture, social and political organizations, public institutions, etc....

Different activities in reflection and analysis of human rights violations in Colombia, the massive entry of NATO military bases in Colombian territory, the situation of Ecuador after the attempted coup, and our participation in solidarity activities with the Cuban Revolution and the release of the 5 heroes in Madrid have also filled our activities over the past months.

In the national arena, we have been actively involved in all activities and platforms to defend the Spanish Republic, as an aspiration of a social and institutional model more in line with our objectives to incorporate the culture of peace, and the values of social justice and equality. The republican model is, for our organization, a step forward in overcoming the hierarchical structures inherited from the Fascist past that has placed the Spanish people under the military yoke for 40 years. These structures and models inherited from the past represent a brake that, joined with the capitalist development in Spain, has broken up a large part of associations and political developments.

To CEDESPAZ the struggle for the Republic in Spain is the struggle for a social model based on popular sovereignty, peace and equality.

International capitalism is imposing its adjustment measures, engulfing rights won after years of struggle and the blood of workers across Europe. CEDESPAZ has actively supported the general strike called by class trade unions in Spain. Both in public events, manifestos and in the proper conduct of the General Strike, CEDESPAZ did not want to stay out, so disseminated and supported many activities that have been developed in this regard.

In Spain, we have faced a labor reform imposed by the IMF (through its recent report on the Spanish financial situation), and exacerbated by the Social Democratic government of PSOE. The extension of the retirement age to 67 years, measures to reduce wages for public employees and pensioners, cutting spending on basic necessities, plans to privatize public services, and legal amendments to facilitate firing and cutting severance pay, make this PSOE reform one of the toughest measures against the rights of the underprivileged in our country. Millions of people have paralyzed the country facing the government’s opposition, the Popular Party and the media. Millions of people demonstrated on September 29 to stop an economic model in total decline. For the first time in many years, even the organizations institutionalized by the social democracy have been on the streets with the slogan “No more fire” and “Don’t let workers pay for this crisis.”

The Struggle for Social Justice and Equality is our struggle, and our presence in the demonstrations, is our obligation to fight.

Finally, we believe in the good sense to continue to coordinate some activities, mainly in the fight against NATO, the fight against economic crisis, as well as some actions of solidarity with causes that we value positively the important work of the WPC executive, as well as all our organizations.