The U.S. Peace Council is a multi-racial, pro-working class, anti-imperialist organization committed to peace, economic and social justice and to international solidarity with the peoples of the world. The U.S. Peace Council was founded in 1979 in the major Cities. It is affiliated with the World Peace Council, the world’s largest peace organization and an NGO member of the United Nations.
PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES

The guiding principles of and objectives of the Peace Council are:

• **Prohibition** of all weapons of mass destruction and ending of the arms drive; **abolition of foreign military bases**; total and universal disarmament under effective international control;

• **Elimination** of all forms of colonialism, neocolonialism, racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination;

• **Respect for the right of the peoples to sovereignty and independence**, essential for the establishment of peace;

• **Respect of the territorial integrity** of states;

• **Non-interference** in the internal affairs of nations;

• **Establishment of mutually beneficial trade and cultural relations** based on friendship and mutual respect;

• **Peaceful coexistence** between states with different political systems;

• **Negotiations instead of use of force** in the settlement of differences between nations.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

Peace and Justice

Basic to Peace Council’s mission is the understanding that there cannot be peace without justice, both nationally and internationally. The Peace Council recognizes that the struggle for peace **is indivisibly connected with the rights and needs of working people.** Connecting the issue of peace with economic, environmental, social and political issues is crucial to the success of our movement.

Today, the Peace Council works with many groups in the community: the trade unions organizing workers for economic justice and job security; for **immigrant rights** and the protection of the U. S. Constitution’s Bill of Rights; with those lobbying for gun control; working against police brutality; marching for living-wage jobs; students against sweatshops; demonstrating to end child poverty; supporting a healthy environment.

The Peace Council understands that success requires unity among all those struggling for peace and justice, and encouraging joint actions, coalitions and cross support. The world needs a massive, united peace and justice movement.

Struggles for National Independence and Sovereignty

The Peace Council has initiated and participated in the many struggles for freedom and self-determination:

• The Peace Council **opposed the Gulf Wars**, the invasion of Afghanistan and organized opposition to the Iraq War. We call for an **end to the occupation of Iraq** and the return of all U.S. and foreign troops. The United States, United Kingdom and countries with troops in Iraq are obligated to fund the restoration of the country, The Iraqi people alone must determine the future of their country. We call for the **return of U.S. soldiers from Afghanistan** and the assistance of the United Nations to the people of both countries to organize their own society.

• The Peace Council initiated the campaign to **free Nelson Mandela** from Robbins Island and end the barbaric Apartheid system in South Africa. The Peace Council was instrumental in organizing the Free South Africa coalition, which united labor, peace, religious and community groups.

• During Apartheid, we demanded that the U.S. and **South Africa** end aid to counter-revolutionaries who tried to overthrow legitimate governments in **Angola** and **Mozambique**.

• We have organized opposition to U.S. interventions in **El Salvador, Nicaragua and Colombia**; and invasions of **Grenada and Panama**.

• We stand for a just, two-state solution in the **Israel-Palestine** conflict, ending the occupation.

• We call for normalization of US relations with **Cuba** and an end to the US interventions in