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The recent, successful uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt have placed those countries at the delicate, opening stages of profound change. How these societies develop remains an open question, but two things are already clear: first, the events in Tunisia and Egypt have served as a catalyst for similar popular movements elsewhere.

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Editorial

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The UN is making itself once more guilty of an imperialist aggression as it was in the case of the crimes against the peoples of Afghanistan, Iraq and so many others.

We demand the immediate end of the aggression and the withdrawal of foreign military forces from the area.

Stop the war on Libya now!
Communiqué of the South Asian Peace Conference
Katmandu, 12-13 March, 2011

1. The South Asian Peace Conference organized by Nepal Peace and Solidarity Council was held in Kathmandu on 12-13 March, 2011. Delegations from India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan attended this meeting. A four member’s delegation from CPAPD of China also attended the meeting.

2. On the occasion of this conference a public meeting was held on 12th March. The Conference was inaugurated by H.E. Jalalath Khanal, Prime Minister of Nepal. It was also addressed by the Executive Secretary of WPC Mr. Iraklis Tsavdaridis and prominent personalities from Nepal and the leaders of the different state’s countries.

3. The Conference expresses deep shock and grief and expresses condolences to bereaved families who have been victims of the recent earthquakes and tsunami in Japan. The Conference calls on the international community to stand by the people of Japan in their difficult time.

4. The conference expressed deep concern over the continuing deterioration in international situation in general and particular in South Asia. This complex and dangerous situation in different parts of the world is due to the aggressive policies of imperialism led by USA aimed at achieving world domination by using arms race, especially nuclear arm race, prolonging military conflicts and aggressiveness and expanding military bases in different parts of the world, thus endangering peace and security of the peoples throughout the world.

5. South Asia possesses the largest number of population forced to survive in poverty, hunger and underdevelopment has remained one of the explosive areas of the world. The root cause of military provocations and armed conflicts as well as of arms build-up and interference which have seriously threatened peace and security in this area. The present developments in this region have proved that the US and the NATO having more common imperialist strategies for South Asia. The ongoing US and NATO military intervention in Afghanistan and Pakistan is not only jeopardizing the peace and stability of South Asia but also strengthening the forces of religious fundamentalism and terrorism in South Asia.

6. The growing menace of religious fundamentalism of all shades and terrorist activities in Afghanistan and Pakistan and increasing intolerance among the Hindu fundamentalist organizations of India poses grave threat to the peace and stability of South Asia. In Bangladesh the activities of religious fundamentalists somehow have been contained by the state and through mass mobilization by all secular democratic forces.

7. The Conference takes note that while all nations in South Asia face common problems and challenges, the ruling governments have hardly any initiatives to meet these challenges jointly. On the other hand the lack of confidence building initiatives for building good neighborly relations among the nations are the main reasons for the continuation of mistrust among the nations.

8. In this context the conference underlined the important role of the peace and solidarity organizations of South Asia to build the friendship among the people of this area and to act in a way that the ruling governments continued on page 4

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marked by repression, destruction, anarchy and chaos. The multi-colored “movements” thought the process would develop in this manner in Lisbon. Both the dominant political forces and leaderships as well as the “International Coordinating Committee (ICC)” were deluding themselves. Those who were present in the Portuguese capital on the 19-20 November understood the reason why the initiative of the Portuguese Peace Council (CPPC), CGTP-Intersindical and 105 other mass organizations rallied and expressed all year round the anti-NATO sentiments which are deeply rooted in the Portuguese people and the reason why the mass demonstration had over 30,000 people (according to the estimates of the police and Medial) while the Portuguese “chapter” of the ICC gathered only a few hundred demonstrators and in the last week joined the demonstration (which was in the end the only one), as its plans to hold a separate demonstration and to have a discrete presence failed.

The WPC, for its part, had a dynamic presence in Lisbon, as the culmination of its work, successfully organizing an international conference on the eve of the demonstration (with representatives from 19 countries), while on the demonstration it led a massive international bloc under the following slogan: “NATO enemy of the peoples and peace-Dismantle it!”

What is the thing which made Strasbourg (2009) different from Lisbon (2010), with its mass, protected, anti-imperialist march and rally? The answer is simple. In the case of Lisbon, both at the level of each individual country and internationally the following forces were responsible for the anti-imperialist events: those which rally together with the class-oriented trade unions, the movements which express the genuine anti-imperialist anti-imperialist movement and the WPC have rich historical experience in the struggle against imperialism and NATO. In any case it is not the first time NATO has tried to present its own “Anti-NATO forces” in order to sow confusion.

By Iraklis Tsavdaridis
Executive Secretary, WPC
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The international meeting of the Peace Movements from the Balkans and the Middle East, organized by the Greek Communities and Peace (EEDYE) with the support of the World Peace Council (WPC) took place on the 19th March in the city of Chania, Greece with the participation of delegates from the respective movements from Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Palestine, Serbia, Syria and Turkey.

The meeting concluded after a fruitful discussion and deliberation to the following communiqué:

The participants of the meeting express their serious concern about the increasing aggressiveness of imperialism in the broader region, the fostering of the competition and rivalry between the imperialist powers for the control of energy resources and means of transportation, the continuation of the imperialist occupation of foreign countries and as well as new threats surfaced to peoples and countries in the region. The ongoing economic and ecological crisis of capitalism will aggravate further the situation as it is shown now in Japan.

The peoples of the Balkans, since the early 1990’s a focus point of NATO and the aggressive strategy of the EU, are suffering from the imperialist intervention till today. The secession in violation of the international law of the Serbian province of Kosovo, the installation of a military base in Camp Bondsteel and the assembling of an EU- and NATO-protectorate alongside Bosnia-Herzegovina, prove the real goals of the NATO aggression of 1999. The meeting vehemently protests the military maneuvers in the framework of the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the EU recently taking place in the region, when the “Battle for the Balkans” are in use to oppress future popular protests or uprisings anywhere.

The participants in this meeting also stated their readiness to confront and fight back the large-scale propaganda and blackmail moves of both NATO and the EU. The aims of these imperialist Organisations is the full integration of the Balkan countries to the imperialist plans, on the basis of the so-called “NATO’s New Strategic Concept”, which was approved in Lisbon in November 2010. The meeting underlined the fact that the fight against the imperialist military presence in Balkans against the so-called anti-missile shield, against the foreign bases and armies, against the participation of military forces from the Balkan countries in NATO and EU missions in other countries is of paramount importance especially now. Imperialism has been showing renewed “interest” for our region, carrying out multilateral interвен

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We condemn the continued foreign occupation of part of Cyprus. We express our strong support for and solidarity with the people of Cyprus (Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots) and their struggle against the occupation of 37% of the island for the past 37 years as a result of imperialist NATO plans, which led to the coup d’état, engineered by the junta in Athens, and the Turkish invasion in 1974.

We support the direct negotiations between the two communities for a solution and the reunification of Cyprus and its people. We unreservedly support the effort for a solution based on a bi-zonal, bi-communal Federal with political equality, as provided for in the UN Resolutions on Cyprus, in the High Level Agreements reached between the two Communities (1977 and 1979) and in the principles of international law. This would be a solution that would establish one indivisible sovereign, a single citizenship, a single international entity, with all human rights and basic liberties ensured for all Cypriots. The meeting likewise expresses its support to the Cyprus Peace Council and the people’s movement in their decision against the indirect incorporation of Cyprus into NATO, through the “Partnership for Peace.”

The meeting expresses its full solidarity with the popular uprisings of the Egyptian, Tunisian and other peoples of the region.
The Campaign “Peace yes! NATO No!” and the men and women taking part in the Demonstration “Peace yes! NATO No!” Declare:

- NATO is an aggressive military alliance which presently represents the greatest threat to international peace and security.
- NATO, bent on crushing the rights of the people, violating national sovereignties and undermining international law, holds the world hostage to the arms race, the threat of a nuclear war and terror.
- NATO is responsible for heinous crimes, for ending innumerable human lives, for the destruction of countries and resources.

While thousands of human beings die of hunger and preventable diseases and with the excuse of the crisis and combat against the deficit attack the living conditions and rights of the workers, military spending keeps on growing — the military budgets of the NATO member countries together represent around 70% of the world’s military spending.

Those mainly responsible for the worsening of the economic and social situation at the national and international level are the same who promote the arms race, the militarization of international relations and war. Portugal, a founding member of NATO through the hands of the fascist regime, has for more than 60 years bowed before this bellicose alliance and the interests of the US and great powers of the European Union.

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The conquest of peace by the Portuguese people is linked to the struggle for better living conditions for the Portuguese workers.

It is because of this awareness that we salute the great General Strike called by CGTP-IN for November 24 and invite all Portuguese men and women workers to follow it.

Valuing the several initiatives, the wide participation and the great experience of unity represented by the Campaign in defence of peace and against the NATO Summit in Portugal — the Campaign “Peace yes” NATO no!" affirm their commitment to continue to strengthen the peace and anti-imperialist movement, persisting in an active intervention for:

- Opposition to NATO and its bellicose goals;
- Withdrawal of Portuguese forces involved in NATO’s military missions;
- An end to foreign military bases and NATO’s installations on national soil;
- Dissolution of NATO;
- Disarmament and the end of nuclear and mass destruction weapons;
- Demand respect and compliance of the Constitution of the Portuguese Republic and the dispositions of the United Nations Charter, of international law and the sovereignty and equality of the peoples.

Lisbon, November 20, 2010
Strange Democratization of Authoritarian Regimes

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For several days, Libya has brutally exposed to air and missile strikes of the armed forces of several NATO countries. The resolution “No. 1973” issued by the Security Council, which has come into force, disregards other commitments to UN Member States. In the countries of the region, the intervention forces of UN Member States (Article 27 of the Charter, which governs the Council’s vote on non-procedural matters) in the country of Traders and the increasing number of civilian casualties and damage to civilian buildings and infrastructures is of great concern. The international community has every right to oppose those actions reasonably.

Members of the civic association Solidars Against the war as consistent opponents of solving international problems of war shall be deemed part of this resistance. We join the ever stronger demand for immediate ceasefire and all attacks against civilians. However, not only by the Libyan armed forces, but also by the insurgents, and air and naval forces of NATO. They may be, in our view, consistent with UN Security Council used solely to check compliance with the no-fly zones and armed embargo on the territory of Libya. We believe that the most viable way to deal with dangerous situations around Libya is the multiparty negotiations in the UN Security Council. They should also be taken concrete steps to initiate dialogue between warring parties in Libya without any preconditions from outside and foreign interference. Its aim should be to settle the internal conflict and create conditions for strengthening the process of democratization of Libya as a sovereign, unitary state.

On behalf of Council of the Czeck civic association Solidars Against the War (S/W), Maj. Gen. Michal Gondek (Board Member of S/W), Col. retiré Jití Báršt (President of S/W), Líz. Gen. Oskar Mariek (Board Member of S/W).

World Peace Council Statement on Cyprus

The WPC expresses its solidarity with the Cypriot people and the Cyprus Peace Council in its desire and firm opposition to the entry of Cyprus to the “Partnership for Peace” of NATO.

The peoples of Cyprus, both Greek Cypriots and Turks Cypriots are well aware of the role of NATO and its war-like behavior in this history, the invasion and partial occupation of Cyprus itself is a result of a NATO backed plan in 1974, which is lasting till today. The recent maneuvers of certain political forces in Cyprus to ‘create a nation in the Cyprus Parliament’ for the incorporation of the Cyprus Republic into NATO’s “auxiliary” structures has to be condemned as an act of submission to the imperialist plans. It is for the second time that the matter is raised after the rejection of such efforts by the President of the Cyprus Republic Dimitris Christofias in 2009. But further constitutes a provocation to the historical memory and will of the peace loving people of Cyprus, which is opposing firmly NATO, its old and especially the new concept after Lisbon 2010. Especially Cyprus with its geostrategic proximity to the Middle East would be used for the offensive plans and threats of imperialism and NATO in particular for this region. The WPC opposing NATO from its founding days and life has proved as complete right. NATO and its various cooperation-structures are aiming in securing the interests of the Multinational corporations, their political spheres of influence and are spreading war and terror over peoples and regions. The recent involvement of Cyprus into NATO’s structures would create an even more repressive environment for a just, viable and fair solution in the Cyprus issue and would be one more obstacle for that.

We express our support to the Cyprus Peace Council, one of the prestigious WPC members, which is expressing the genuine will of the Cypriot people and call upon all members and friends of the WPC in the world to express their solidarity against the imperialist plans in Cyprus. NATO remains the common enemy of all peoples! The struggle against NATO in each country and globally goes on! Imperialism is not invincible!

MF, Secretary, Athens, 21 February 2011

International Campaign of the World Peace Council
NO TO US-NATO INTERVENTION ... (from p. 1) protests throughout the Mid-East, North Africa; second, the emergence of powerful, sovereignty-seeking people’s movements poses a dramatic threat to the balance of force within the region. Both of these have favoured the policies of transnational energy corporations, the imperialist states of Europe and North America, the US administration and its allies in the region (in particular Israel); • The role that reactionary regimes in the region are playing; and • The strength and potential of the democratic forces to influence the international balance of forces towards attainment of a peaceful future for the region.

The controlling role of the U.S. in some countries of the region enables it to gain access to oil and gas reserves and gives it crucial military power in and over any part of a region that is the connecting bridge between two continents and their resources. The location of many countries in the region is in close proximity of and constant transportation of its vast oil and gas reserves to both the East and West. By gaining and maintaining complete control over the production, transportation, the U.S. can potentially put pressure on its economic rivals such as China, Russia, Japan and the European Union.

The events of recent decades have demonstrated time and again that the U.S. administration is not a force for peace and development in the Middle East. The wars that devastated Iraq and Afghanistan, the opening of military aggression against Libya, the continued US support for the Israeli government, the occupation of Palestinian lands and the threats of further unilateral actions by the U.S. that can only lead to new international crises, the economic, political and military aggression against civilians in Yugoslavia in 1999, or imperialist leaders answer for their role in actions, if substantiated, deserve strong reports of Libyan military strikes against the US-NATO intervention in Iraq, and the similar treatment that Saddam Hussein served as a dangerous precedent for imperialism against those countries, including Libya.

Our position against imperialist intervention is imperative to reiterate that the crisis on the international stage is rooted in the international tension and escalation of friction in the Persian Gulf region genuinely concerns the progressive, left and patriotic forces in Iran and Afghanistan. The imperialist leaders are reiterating the righting of the national states of the region. The struggle for the democratic rights of the people, the right to develop peaceful use of nuclear energy, we have always asserted our strong opposition against any foreign interference in Iraq’s domestic affairs. We have, at the same time, stated that Iran’s democratic regime is taking advantage of this issue simply as a domestic force to divert the people and divert public opinion from escalating domestic problems. The aggression of the US and its allies in the region, which has led, under various guises, to the military occupation of two neighboring countries, its unprecedented military presence in the Persian Gulf and to the bais in Iran and Libya demonstrates its imperialist quest with the excuses it needs to intervene.

The progressive and peace-loving forces have a unique responsibility to not only oppose the U.S. plans to occupy Libyan territory and resource-rich areas, but to also present people on a broad, anti-intervention program directed at building the foundations for peace, democracy, development and social justice. Clearly the struggle to put an end to the military adventures of the US and its allies in our region is important. In particular, an immediate end to the occupation of the Palestinian territories by the Israeli government and the establishment of a state for Palestinians is the first priority. In this connection we believe that such a regime might well at any moment irresponsibly ignite a conflict. The dynasties of these policies for the people of Iran are reflected in the uncertainty which is now facing the regime. Following the June 2009 presidential election and fabrication of the results by the regime, protests have swept the country. The protesters are demanding change, freedom, an end to repression and the recognition of human rights in Iran. They have been met with violent, repressive actions and arrests by the regime for many. This response is that of a regime that lacks confidence in itself and can only resort to the use of the state repression to hold on to power. The provocative rhetoric of the leaders of the regime about Israel and the Holocaust should also be looked at in this light.

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STOP THE WAR IN KOREA!

CPC CALLS FOR DIPLOMACY AND PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

The political crisis in Korea deepens, the Canadian Peace Congress calls on Prime Minister Stephen Harper to immediately distance Canada from the war mongering actions of South Korea and the United States, and to work toward a peaceful and diplomatic solution. Furthermore, the Congress reiterates its call for the Canadian government to work through the United Nations to normalize relations between the United States and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), based on non-interference, cooperation and peace.

The history of the crisis in Korea is the history of imperialist interference and aggression, in which the United States has consistently employed a policy of military build-up, provocation and war. This policy has been implemented both directly and indirectly, through the South Korean government. In the past months of a protracted conflict, the United States has utilized outright provocations – such as the massive troop presence in the peninsula, and also deception – such as the Bush government’s re-emanating on the agreement to supply the DPRK with oil to replace electricity production lost by abandonment of its nuclear energy program. The objectives of this policy are to prolong the Korean war and the attendant US military presence in the region, to prevent the re-unification of Korea, and to contain and secure China.

Despite the well-rehearsed statements in the commercial media that ascribe full responsibility for the current- flares-up to North Korea, there is much evidence suggesting that the provocation was from the South. Even the New York Times acknowledged in a November 24 editorial that the DPRK’s “attack on Yeonpyeong Island occurred after South Korean forces on exercises fired test shots into waters near the North Korean coast.” Cynically, such a tense situation requires restraint by all parties; however, it is dangerously hypocritical for the United States to demand restraint from the DPRK while continually subjecting it to aggressive postures and provocations.

The Canadian Peace Congress noted in a June 2009 statement regarding the crisis in Korea:

“The basic threat to peace in the Asia Pacific region is not from the DPRK, but stems from the continued provocative interference by US imperialism. The United States was the first state to develop nuclear weapons; it remains the only state to have used nuclear weapons, and the Korean conflict may very well be a pretext for a demonstration of this policy.

Furthermore, the United States has signalled its willingness to internationalize the conflict by noting that Canada and other countries could be drawn into a war against the DPRK, citing the absence of a permanent peace to end the ongoing United Nations military mission to Korea. Against these aggressive and dangerous responses, the Canadian Peace Congress joins with the World Peace Council and its member organizations in condemning this US-NATO provocation. The Congress calls for:

• The cessation of military exercises and provocations, and for constraint and diplomatic talks to address the current crisis;

Announcement of the Secretariat of WPC

The Secretariat of WPC announces the holding of the meeting of the Executive Committee on April 29-30, 2011 in Havana, Cuba, hosted by the Cuban Movement for Peace and Sovereignty of the Peoples (MOVPAZ), followed by the International Seminar Against Foreign Military Bases, to be held on May 4-5, 2011 in the Cuban province of Guantanamo.

USPC STATEMENT ON EGYPT

(From p. 1) of the Egyptian people, will undoubtedly lead to a loss of total US and Israeli control over the region. It will mark the beginning of the end for the imperialist domination of the Middle East.

It is for this reason that the US Peace Council, along with all freedom- and peace-loving people of the world, follows the events in Egypt with great concern. The first phase of struggle has ended in the victory of the Egyptian people, but their struggle for genuine democracy continues.

A concerted effort in support of the anti-imperialist struggles of the peoples of Egypt and the Middle East is needed. The US Peace Council calls upon its allies in the peace movement to redouble their organized efforts in support of the rightful struggles of the people of Egypt and the Middle East and demand the following:

• The US stop interfering in the internal affairs of Egypt, including use of direct military threats, manipulating the political process through funding or otherwise lending support to pro-US “opposition” figures, groups, NGOs and parties whose objective is to undermine the people’s revolution.

Furthermore, the United States has signalled its willingness to internationalize the conflict by noting that Canada and other countries could be drawn into a war against the DPRK, citing the absence of a permanent peace to end the ongoing United Nations military mission to Korea.

• Concrete steps to bring existing nuclear arsenals – in particular those from the United States – onto the immediate agenda of the United Nations, with a commitment to dismantle those arsenals as a concrete prerequisite for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament;

• The immediate end to the sanctions against DPRK and for the provision of UN-sponsored assistance to the DPRK, in the spirit of international cooperation and respect for sovereignty and the right to self-determination.

Furthermore, the Canadian Peace Congress calls on all peace organizations and people-minded people in Canada to demand that the Canadian government oppose the drive to war and pursue concrete, diplomatic and democratic efforts to bring peace to the Korean peninsula. The Canadian people have consistently and overwhelmingly reject ed war as an option for settling international affairs, and the Canadian government must reflect this view to the United States and the international community.

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France started its military attacks. Was it by chance that French President N. Sarkozy not only rejected the “opposition” forces in Paris but also recognized them as “legitimate representative of the Libyan people”? The imperialist aggression against Libya has of course main and secondary “players”. France, UK and the USA have launched a full-scale war, from air and sea. Most NATO partners have announced their readiness to be part of the aggression like Germany, Denmark, Canada, NATO and the US. And this war has two classes of imperialism have joined, the UAE and Qatar, while Saudi Arabia, first involved, Fatima’s in order to “export Democracy” there. Greece and its government led by the President of the Socialist International G. Papandreou has announced all its alliances and support for the military operations from the very first moment. But even the governments of other NATO states which were not involved in the aggression against Libya, are not opposing the policies of the occupying armies. Neither is the EU committing any action to confront the UN, of the willingness alliance under the French President and of NATO tomorrow.

Just a few months ago when NATO held its summit in Lisbon adopting its “new strategic concept” we stated that it constitutes a further part of the NATO’s actions under new pretexts and “threats”, with the abdication of the last respect to the International law and the fundament of the UN, serving the interests of the Multinational corporations and the imperialist expansion. The objective of this “shield” becomes a farce for the lack of the approval of the ordinary actions of the UN and the case of Libya is a matter of the people for the manipulation of the UN and its abuse.

The imperialism of the EU and NATO are supporting and maintaining the occupation of the lives of civilians. Apart from hypocrisy and dubiety it is also of double identity. Where is the International law in case of the Palestinian people who are suffering under occupation and dependency? Who are the people in the right for an independent State, not to mention the duties of resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly of the UN? Why the International law is not applied in the case of the occupation of Western Sahara or the partial occupation of Cyprus till today and officially. Where is the International law in case of Libya? Is the USA’s position the same? Are they going to work in the same way to the policies of the UN and the desires of all different groups in the world. The deputy chair of the EU is clearly stated and reaffirmed in its Lisbon Treaty and on daily basis in various parts of the world are the cases and intentions of the EU and NATO. The EU’s complicity is visible in relation to the crimes against the Palestinian and Saharawi people who are under Israeli and Moroccan occupation respectively. The double standard policy towards the Israeli aggressions and the “liberation”, the EU, for itself, is speaking for themselves. The reactionary role of the EU is the visible with the so-called “common position”.

All governments of the EU and NATO states share the responsibility for the imperialist crimes of Libya for the last 35 years. There is no chance to say that the support and calls of the EU and its government for withdrawal of the occupation are under the pressure of some countries or parties. The EU and NATO are the same. The same policy was applied in any other country that were occupied by imperialist forces. Both Governments and both Parties shared in the war against Yugoslavia and its government led by S. Milosevic. The EU and its government were involved in the bombing of Yugoslavia in 1999 by NATO, many countries in the world was involved in the bombing of Yugoslavia in 1999 by NATO, many countries in the world, including those of the EU and against NATO, is a friendly organization that takes the side of the US. The WPC is proud for its firm and principle against the US, the WPC is proud for its firm and principle against the US of course against the occupation of Libya and their intentions for withdrawal of the embargo. The WPC is proud for its firm and principle against the US of course against the occupation of Libya and their intentions for withdrawal of the embargo and for the same reasons the WPC invited the Libyans to participate and to take part in the presentation to the conference. The WPC is proud for its firm and principle against the US of course against the occupation of Libya and their intentions for withdrawal of the embargo and for the same reasons the WPC invited the Libyans to participate and to take part in the presentation to the conference.

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The WPC did not discover NATO just recently, or only after the invasion of Afghanistan or Iraq, neither did we ever believe that the new US President Obama would bring the slightest change in the US foreign policy, even before he was elected. We know that NATO’s, and the UN is part of one organism, that constitutes a farce for the award itself. The WPC, never believed in the EU as a “democratic counter power” or as a “democratic force” against NATO, but as a tool to support imperialist policies. All governments of the EU and NATO, Hitler’s Germany, have underlined only the fierce competition of the imperialists in each country and worldwide. The WPC is proud for its firm and principle against the US of course against the occupation of Libya and their intentions for withdrawal of the embargo and for the same reasons the WPC invited the Libyans to participate and to take part in the presentation to the conference.

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