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## Who we are (including all members)

The international network No to war – no to NATO was founded in autumn 2008 to prepare actions against the NATO summit in Strasbourg /Kehl in April 2009. We appeal to all people to come to Strasbourg and Baden-Baden 2009, to protest against NATO's aggressive military and nuclear policies, and assert our vision of a just world free of war, was the beginning of the Stuttgarter Appeal, which we mobilized for the counter summit, a demonstration and actions of civil disobedience against the new global NATO strategy, which threatens hundreds of thousands, even millions of people and the environment, prevents the demilitarization of international politics, and blocks solutions to global challenges.

Since **Strasburg 2009** we were present at all NATO Summits at least with conferences and demonstrations.

In **Lisboa 2010** we act against the militarization of the EU as a second leg of NATO and its aggressiv politics.

In **Chicago 2012** we fight for the withdraw of the foreing troops in Afghanistan and for disarmament.

In **Wales 2014** we struggle against the increasing of the military budgets to 2% of the GDP and the modernization of nuclear weapons and demand the world wide military expedtieurs of 1.8 Trillon Dollar should be taken to realize our vision for a world without war, to support the concept of common security and civil conflict solutions as alternatives to NATO's politics of war. Civil organizations and structures like UN and OSCE have to be strengthened.

In **Warsaw 2016** we conducted a conference "No to War - No to Militarism - Yes to Refugees" to reject the enlargement of NATO to Eastern Europe and the so called missiles defence sytem build up in Poland and Rumania. With the slogan "Money for the hungry not for tanks" we demonstrated through Warsaw to the ambassy of the United States and than to the waterside of the Vistula opposite to the stadion, where the NATO summit took place.

In **Brussels** 2017 we were part of the international demonstration "Trump not Welcome" with our demands "No to war – no to NATO" and conducted an international counter-summit, a peace camp was running and prepared non violent dircet actions.

Now we are preparing the actions against the NATO summit 2018 with a demonstration, a counter-summit and global day of actions in the capitals of NATO countries.

More information will be found on our website <u>www.no-to-nato.org/</u>.

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Beside the counter summits and actions of civil disobedience around the NATO summits we prepared two international conferences for Peace in Afghanistan, and a seminar "**NATO and the Global South**" in Argentina. We organize workshops on several events of the social movements like the European Social Forum in Istanbul, the World Social Forum in Tunis 2012 and the Peace Event in Sarajevo 2014.

We participate at the **anti-nuclear activities in November 2014 in Vienna** and participate at the **NPT review conference 2015 in New York** with Side Events, supported the Peace & Planet conference and mobilized together with Peace & Planet for the manifestation in New York.

Due to the plan for a host nation support of Sweden and Finland we organized a conference on the topic "**The High North**" to discuss these issues, including the situation in the Artic sea. (September 4<sup>th</sup>+5<sup>th</sup> in **Helsinki 2015**).

In **Mai 2016** we conducted a two days seminar "**European Security Policy focusing on EU and NATO**" **in Gothenburg** to reject the European Militarization and to oppose the ever closer cooperation between Sweden and NATO (Host Nation Support Agreement).

In 2017 we were active against the G20 summit in Hamburg as speakers on the summit "For Global Solidarity" and on the demonstration "Solidarity without Boarders instead G20" with a peace truck and the women T-Shirt action "SAY NO TO NATO".

Once a year we come together to our **annual meeting** to discuss our further actions. The last took place in Vienna 2017 around the NPT Prepcom activities. The annual meeting elects our International Coordinating Committee (ICC) as an executive body. The communication between the ICC is done by mails, telephone-conference and face-to-face meetings around supported actions of the network.

In continuation to the No to NATO conference around the **Peace Event Sarajevo 2014**, deepening the newly established contacts to the Balkans, we will conduct a regional conference on the topic of "NATO and the Balkans".

In all our activities we include the feminist perspective on NATO and peace as well as different affectedness of women and men. We will continue to stimulate feminist perspectives discussions on NATO and war and peace.

We will increase our efforts to gain members, particularly in countries (whether affiliated with NATO or not) in which we do not have contacts working on NATO, especially in Poland. March 2018

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### **Stuttgart Appeal: No to War – No to NATO**

This appeal was developed and agreed on the preparatory meeting for the activities against the 60<sup>th</sup> year's celebrations of NATO in Stuttgart, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. All signatures'/supporters form the international network "No to war – no to NATO".

On the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the NATO military organization, we appeal to all people to come to Strasbourg and Baden-Baden 2009, to protest against NATO's aggressive military and nuclear policies, and assert our vision of a just world free of war.

NATO is an increasing obstacle to achieving world peace. Since the end of the Cold War, NATO has reinvented itself as a tool for military action by the "international community", including the promotion of the so-called "war on terror". In reality it is a vehicle for US-led use of force with military bases on all continents, bypassing the United Nations and the system of international law, accelerating militarization and escalating arms expenditure – NATO countries account for 75% of global military expenditure. Pursuing that expansionist agenda since 1991, designed to advance strategic and resource interests, NATO has waged war in the Balkans, under the guise of so-called "humanitarian war", and has waged seven years of brutal war in Afghanistan, where the tragic situation is escalating and the war has expanded into Pakistan.

In Europe NATO is worsening tensions, feeding the arms race with so-called "missile defense", a massive nuclear arsenal and a nuclear first strike policy. EU policy is increasingly tied to NATO. NATO's on-going and potential expansion into Eastern Europe and beyond and its "out of area" operations are making the world a more dangerous place. The conflict in the Caucasus is a clear indication of the dangers. Each advance of the NATO border increases the possibility of war, including the use of nuclear weapons.

To achieve our vision of a peaceful world, we reject military responses to global and regional crises – these are part of the problem not part of the solution. We refuse to live under the terror of nuclear weapons, and reject a new arms race. We must decrease military expenditure – directing resources instead to meeting human needs. We must close down all foreign military bases. We oppose all military structures used for military intervention. We must democratize and demilitarize the relations between peoples and establish new forms of peaceful cooperation to build a more secure and just world.

We call on you to spread this message in your communities and movements to make this vision a reality. We believe that a world of peace is possible.

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International Signatures: Anti-imperialist Camp \* Euromed Feminist Initiative (IFE-EFI)\* European Peace Forum \* European Left (EL) \* Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space \* International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms, Europe (IALANA) \* International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility (INES) \* International Peace Bureau (IPB) \* No Bases Network \* Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) \* World March of Women against Violence and Poverty \* War Resisters' International \* World Peace Council (WPC) \* and more than 500 signatures coming from Afghanistan, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brasilia, Canada, Czech Republic, Congo, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Malta, Macedonia, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, Niger, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, US

### **Application Form**

We want to be part of the international network "No to war – no to NATO" therefore we sign the Stuttgart Appeal from 2008.

Organization:
Address:
ZIP / City:
Country:
Responsible person:
Email:
Internet:
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Place/Date:
Signature:

Please give it back to the ICC of the network "No to war – no to NATO" c/o INES/KriWi, Marienstr. 19/20, 10117 Berlin, email info@no-to-nato.org, www.no-to-nato.org

Donations: Recipient: KriWi e.V., IBAN: DE09 4306 0967 1115 8743 00, BIC: GENODEM1GLS, Verwendungszweck / Reference / Référence: No NATO