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NATO Counter Summit in Lisbon, Portugal, November 19th - 21st 2010

At the next NATO summit meeting in Lisbon from November 19th to 21st 2010, the new NATO strategy will be adopted. The new strategy should “lead NATO through the uneasy and dangerous times at the beginning of the 21st century”, as formulated in the contract for the development of the new strategy at the summit of heads of states and governments in Strasbourg in April 2009. The expert group set up for designing the strategy, placed under the direction of former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, made its recommendations in May for the new NATO strategy, entitled “NATO 2020”. “The alliance must be versatile and flexible in this time period of uncertainty in the 21st century”, said Madeleine Albright at the presentation of the report. If a (first) conclusion of this document is to be drawn, than it can only be: pure militarism, continuing of the wars, especially in Afghanistan and, above all, further nuclear armament. The words are more cautious and vague, but the reality is brutal and war-like. Approaches for greater political cooperation, e.g. with Russia, are foiled by aggressive armament policy (including the missile defence system). The critique of the peace movement, which we have formulated in connection with the 60th birthday of NATO, is still necessary and correct: NATO is a dinosaur that should be abolished.

**NO to the new NATO-Strategy! Getting Active for
Global Peace, Disarmament
and the End of NATO**



Location: Escola Secundária de Camões, Lisboa

11/19/2010 - Friday

11.00-11.15 Welcome

**Natália Nogal (for PAGAN)
Reiner Braun (for ICC)**

11.15-13.00 Lectures

Moderation / Chair:

Arielle Denis, Mvt. Paix / Andreas Speck, WRI

- **War and Peace (Sandra Monteiro, Le Monde Diplomatique, Portugal)**
- **The new NATO Strategy and Global Crisis (Vitor Lima, PAGAN, Portugal)**
- **Nuclear weapons in the new NATO-Strategy (Joseph Gerson, AFSC, USA)**
- **Relations between Russia and NATO (Vitaly Merkushev, Eurasian Network of Political Research, Russia)**
- **NATO and Missile Defense (Jan Majicek, No BASES Network, CR)**
- **NATO's War in Afghanistan (Shams Arya, Afghanistan)**

lunch break

14.00-22.30 Workshop Blocks

14.00-16.30 Workshop Block I

Discussion of the NATO Strategy

- **NATO, War and Global Crises (convenor: Jacques Fath, PCF)**
- **NATO and Afghanistan (convenor: Reiner Braun, INES / Joseph Gerson, AFSC)**
- **NATO and EU (convenor: Michael Youlton, IAWM / PANA)**
- **NATO and the Military Industrial Complex (convenor: Rae Street, CND)**
- **History of NATO (convenor: Erhard Crome, RLS)**
- **NATO and non violent resistance (convenor: Andreas Speck, WRI)**

coffee / snack break

17.00-19.00 Workshop Block II
War, Militarization and Peace

- **Nuclear Weapons (convenor: Dave Webb, CND)**
- **Feminism and Militarization (convenor: Kristine Karch, INES)**
- **Portugal and Militarization (convenor: Nuno Moniz, PAGAN)**
- **NATO and Bases (convenor: Elsa Rassbach, DFG-VK – GIs and U.S. Bases / Jan Majicek, NO BASES Network)**
- **From neutrality to NATO – Scandinavia in Partnership for Peace (convenor: Agneta Norberg, Swedish Peace Council)**

dinner break

20.00-22.30 Workshop Block III
Peaceful, Just and Social Alternatives

- **Alternative Security Systems (convenor: Erhard Crome, RLS)**
- **Actions for Peace (convenor: Monty Schädel, DFG-VK / Lucas Wirl, INES)**
- **Human security and other concepts (convenor: António Does, PAGAN / Tobias Pflüger, IMI)**
- **Nuclear Weapons Convention (convenor: Reiner Braun, IALANA Europe)**
- **Disarmament for development (convenor: Ben Cramer, IPB)**

22.30 Peace Party

11/20/2010 – Saturday

10.00-12.00 Public Event in the City of Lisboa

NO to War – NO to NATO

Moderation / Chair: Joseph Gerson (AFSC) / Irina Castro (PAGAN)

Discussion in the centre of the city, open for the general public and interested people. With Politicians and Activists:

- ***Willy Meyer, Member European Parliament GUE/ NGL, European Left, Spain***
- ***Jeremy Corbyn, Member of Parliament, Labour Party, GB***
- ***Colonel Mario Tomé, PAGAN, Portugal***
- ***Arielle Denis, Mouvement de la Paix, France***
- ***Christine Hoffmann, pax christi Germany, Germany***

15.00 International Anti-NATO demonstration

Location: Praça Marquês de Pombal

11/21/2010 – Sunday

10.00-10.45 Introduction Lectures: Lessons Learnt

**Portugal and NATO (Ricardo Robles, PAGAN)
NATO and Latin America (Eduardo Melero, Justiça i Pau, Spain)**

**Peace Assembly – Anti-War Assembly:
How to continue acting for a world without war and NATO**

Moderation: Arielle Denis, Dave Webb, Tobias Pflüger

**10.45 – 11.15 Reports from the Working Groups
Reports of anti-NATO-activities in Lisboa**

coffee / snack break

**11.45 – 14.00 Open Microphone: 3 min. reports and discussion on
activities and future plans against NATO**

Agreements on common activities

**14.00 Presentation of the Declaration of the ICC and
Conclusions
Remarks by Reiner Braun**

Organizational information:

a) Program:

The convenors are responsible for organizing the workshops. The ICC takes care for the Plenary Speakers. The full program with the speakers of the workshops will be published after November 1st.

b) Registration:

**For further information about and to register for the conference, please send an email to: Kongress@IALANA.de
Registration starts on October 18th and is necessary for a successful preparation and arrangement of the conference.**

c) Conference donation:

The conference is organized by activists for activists, we ask you to support our conference. Voluntary conference fee: 10 € which may be paid at the conference

d) Accommodation:

**For private accommodation, please contact:
accommodation.lisbon2010@gmail.com**

Cheap hotels and hostels close to the counter summit:

<http://www.pensaoportuense.com/default.aspx>

<http://www.lisbonloungehostel.com/>

<http://www.lisboacentralhostel.com/index.php>

<http://www.costta.com/>

e) For any further questions:

**Please contact: kongress@ialana.de or check out the webpage:
www.no-to-nato.org**

How to get there:

The counter summit conference, will take place in the "Camões" School. The school is located at Praça José Fontana. We are in the center of Lisbon, a few meters from Saldanha Square and 5 minutes walking from Marquês de Pombal Square.

The subway station is "Picoas" (yellow line). **If you are in the airport**, the best way to get to Camões School, is to take one of the buses: 22, 44 or 83. The 22 Bus stops in Praça Fontana. The 44 and 83 stops in Picoas (5 minutes walking). There is no subway or train in the airport.

Workshop Block I 14:00 – 16:30

NATO, War and global crisis

The workshop aims at discussing the link between NATO, the conflicts, and the current situation of global multidimensional crisis. How does NATO's politics and strategy have an impact on the international scene: the wars, the question of nuclear at stake in each current major conflict, in a context of the deepest ever crisis in capitalism History?

Moderation / Introduction: Jacques Fath (PCF)

Speakers : Jeremy Corbyn (MP, UK), Vitor Lima (PAGAN, Portugal), Jacques Fath (PCF, France)

NATO and Afghanistan

9 years of interventional war illustrate the unsuccessful endeavors of NATO to militarily and politically dominate this country that holds a geostrategic central position in the region. The centerpiece of the workshop shall be the discussion of Afghanistan's current situation. Questions concerning international law and politics shall be addressed just as humanitarian and developmental issues. How can we realize peace and development in this country beset with suffering? How can we achieve the withdrawal of all interventional forces? These are central questions for a politics of peace debate.

Moderation / Introduction: Reiner Braun (IALANA, Germany)

Input: Joseph Gerson (AFSC, USA); Arielle Denis (Mouvement de la Paix, France)

NATO and EU

The workshop will focus on the ongoing strategic relationship between NATO and the European Union, incorporating the changes brought about by the Lisbon Treaty and the proposed changes in the NATO strategy.

Moderation / Introduction: Michael Youlton (IAWM, Ireland)

Speakers: Tobias Pflüger (IMI, Germany), Roger Cole (PANA, Ireland)

NATO and the Military Industrial Complex

In this workshop we want to look at the forces which lie behind NATO's policies. Since the end of the Cold War NATO has been re-inventing its role and expanding across the world. When we examine closely its purposes they appear to have little to do with welfare and security for the citizens of NATO countries and across the world, but everything to do with the spread of global power and power (and profit from) over resource for the countries of the global north. The leaders of the transnational corporate companies involved in the extractive industries - oil, minerals etc - are prominent on the bodies deciding NATO's new Strategic Concept. They are, in turn, hand in glove with the huge, mainly US, military (not 'defence') manufacturers who have even been advising on NATO's nuclear weapons policies. Please join us to share knowledge and ideas to expose and combat the gross dangers of NATO, a creature of the military industrial complex.

Moderation / Introduction: Rae Street (CND, UK)

Speakers include Jeremy Corbyn, MP (UK)

History of NATO

NATO was founded as military alliance in the framework of the east west conflict. After the cold war it did not disappear but was enlarging its activities and changing the self-authorization to intervene militarily in different parts of the world, making wars in Yugoslavia and Afghanistan. The new NATO doctrine will enlarge the military capacities and strengthen the ability to realize interventions. What was the character of NATO in the cold war? What are the lines of continuation up to now?

Moderation / Introduction: Erhard Crome (Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Germany).

Speakers: Werner Ruf (Bundesausschuss Friedensratschlag, Germany), Jan Majicek (No Bases, Czech Republic), Tobias Pflüger (IMI, Germany)

NATO and Nonviolent Resistance

Nonviolent action and actions of civil disobedience have been an important part of anti-NATO and anti-war protests in the past decades. This workshop will explore the role of nonviolent resistance within the broader anti-war movement, and discuss how to strengthen and broaden nonviolent resistance - how to make it easier for people to make the step from protesting against war to resisting war.

Moderation: Andreas Speck (War Resisters' International)

Workshop Block II 17:00 – 19:00

Nuclear Weapons

We will examine NATO's present and future nuclear weapons policies - including the related issues associated with missile defence. Among the items to be covered will be US nuclear weapons in Europe, French and UK nuclear weapons systems, the combining of US and NATO missile defence and ideas for focussing our campaigning in response to probable new NATO strategies.

Moderation / Introduction: Dave Webb (CND, UK)

Speakers include Joseph Gerson (AFSC, USA), Arielle Denis (Mouvement de la Paix, France)

Feminism and Militarization

We will analyze and criticize the militarization from a feminist point of view, emphasize the interrelation between patriarchal structures, militarization and NATO. We will work out our ideas and goals for a gender balanced and peaceful society by discussing the following questions:

- What are our specific critics at the new NATO strategy?
- What are the differences between female and male view of NATO?
- How can we overcome the misuse of women in NATO operations?
- Why is the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1325 into the NATO strategy not a step forward for empowering women and a peaceful society?

This discussion should be embedded in the general questions of:

- What can we do against the interfuse of NATO operations and civil development support by NGOs?
- What have to be done to empower woman?
- How can women fight against militarization of societies?

Moderation / Introduction: Kristine Karch (INES and KriWi)

Speakers: Irina Castro (PAGAN, Portugal), Christiane Reyman (Board Member European Left), Women from RAWA, Afghanistan

Portugal and Militarization

This workshop will address the evolution of militarization and of the military status in the last 100 years in Portugal. The process of growth of the military structure, the changes implemented by the "New State" under dictatorship and the military structure during this period taking into parallel temporal comparison the Colonial War in Africa. The Revolution of Carnations in '74 and the evolution until today with emphasis in the process of professionalization of the military and its reality in our present time.

Moderation: Nuno Moniz

NATO and Bases

As NATO is becoming a worldwide interventionist force, likewise the network of NATO military bases is spreading throughout the world. New NATO bases have been created through new wars, as in Kosovo and Afghanistan, and by bringing more and more nations into NATO. Many bases designated as "NATO" bases may also be used by the U.S.A. for unilateral missions.

In this workshop we will provide an overview of the NATO bases in "Old Europe," which remain strategically essential, and of the new bases and "defense systems" in the territory of the former Soviet Bloc, in Afghanistan, and elsewhere. We will discuss NATO plans for even more expansion of its network of bases through inclusion of further nations, such as possibly Israel and Iraq.

Organizing against the bases provides one good way to effectively challenge NATO "where we live". Campaigns against local bases have sometimes been taken up by national peace movements, as in Italy, Japan, and the Czech Republic. We will discuss some of the successes and setbacks in the worldwide "No Bases" movement and then move into a group discussion regarding how best to coordinate the anti-NATO and anti-base movements for action in the future.

Moderation: Elsa Rassbach (DFG-VK – GIs and U.S. Bases, Germany), Jan Majicek (NO BASES Network, CR)

From neutrality to NATO – Scandinavia in in Partnership for Peace

In 1994 Sweden joined Partnership for Peace Sweden has been neutral 200years. But now, without debate or information to the Swedish people, or in the Swedish Parliament. Sweden has come so far in cooperation with US/NATO, that few would notice the difference, if the government signed the NATO-membership . This was obvious in Summer 2009 when one of the biggest wargames was held in the Northern Sweden under NATO command. Last summer the arrogance was even more blunt.US Air Force was allowed to train bombdropping at Lomben training area outside the city of Kalix in Norrbotten.In fact Sweden has become an

aggressor on US/NATO's side. This raises concern against whom are we prepared to use our military force?

Moderation: Agneta Norberg (Swedish Peace Council; Sweden)

Workshop Block III 20:00 – 22:30

Alternative Security Systems

NATO is a dinosaur that should be abolished. How to get a system of common security in Europe, a system of lasting peace? Justice and solidarity are necessary to establish a new world order of peace without nuclear weapons and without new wars. What shall we do now to achieve such an alternative security system?

Moderation / Introduction: Erhard Crome (Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Germany)

Speakers: Joseph Gerson (AFSC, USA), Witaly Merkushev (Eurasian Network of Political Research, Russia), Wolfgang Gehrcke (DIE LINKE, Germany)

Actions for Peace

Peace movement is action, is enlightenment and mind-expanding. But how can all this be achieved in the best and most successful way? How can we take along as many people as possible, but in the same time intensify the movement and call attention to the dangers? Why do we need actions of civil disobedience and mass demonstrations? What for do we need a petition? What can we learn from others, and what role does the internet play in rendering the movement more effective? A workshop for encouragement and learning, for reflection and participation.

Moderation / Introduction: Lucas Wirl (INES)

Speaker: Monty Schädel (DFG-VK, Germany)

Human Security and other concepts

This workshop will deal with analysis of concepts that lay claim to be at least partially an alternative to concepts of war. This workshop will analyze whether or not these concepts are civil alternatives to war or whether they contain civil-military measures.

Moderation / Introduction: Tobias Pflüger (IMI, Germany)

Speakers: Antonio Dores (PAGAN, Portugal)

Nuclear Weapons Convention

How can the abolition of all nuclear weapons be achieved? In recent years, this fundamental question did not only gain in importance by B. Obama's speeches. The alternative is: Nuclear Weapons Convention – a comprehensive agreement for the abolition of nuclear weapons worldwide. How can these negotiations be initiated, which steps are necessary and realistic to

achieve a world without nuclear weapons, and how can NATO's resistance against this Convention be overcome?

Moderation / Introduction: Reiner Braun (IALANA)

Speakers: Otto Jäckel (IALANA, International Board); Dave Webb (CND, GB)

Disarmament for Development

The worldwide military spending peaked 1,3 billion dollars and almost one billion people on earth are suffering hunger. These numbers raise questions about how we can reach disarmament in order to secure and answer to the basic human needs. The workshop will develop strategies and steps towards a more just world with less weapons. Actions are necessary, but which and with whom? These questions will be dealt with in the workshop.

Moderation: Ben Cramer (IPB)