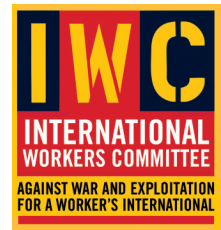


Appeal from the World Conference Against War and Exploitation, For a Workers' International

Paris 29-30 October,

at the initiative of the International Workers Committee Against War and Exploitation, For a Workers' International



We, workers, young people, activists of the labour and democratic movements from 47 countries and all continents, take up the words of Jean Jaurès, the historic figure of international socialism, on the eve of the outbreak of the 1914 war: "*Capitalism carries war within it, just like the cloud carries the storm.*"

This formulation is still of burning relevance today.

In 2022, wars are ravaging every continent, causing massacres, devastation, famines and epidemics. Tens of millions of people are being driven out of their countries. We are witnessing a formidable retreat of human civilisation, threatened with pure and simple disappearance.

The peoples and workers of the world are against war. They know that it means ever more oppression and exploitation.

We declare without the slightest hesitation that these wars and the destruction and barbarism that they unleash are the product of the decomposition of the capitalist system based on the private ownership of the means of production — a system which, in order to reap ever greater profits, does not shrink from any aggression.

The workers know that in the name of the "war effort", all governments, whatever side of the front line they are on, organise deregulation, unemployment, the destruction of education and public services, the dismantling of factories, the desertification of the countryside.

Workers know: War is always used by governments to force labour organisations to give up their independence and submit to the State.

Like all workers, we condemn the war unleashed by order of President Putin on 24 February 2022 in Ukraine. From the very beginning of the conflict, we have called for the withdrawal of Russian troops from the country.

Like all workers, we note that the major capitalist powers, under the aegis of the Biden administration, NATO and the European Union, have done everything to provoke this conflict, and are doing everything to stoke it.

As we meet, over 100,000 U.S. troops are stationed in Europe. Tens of thousands of troops have been massed by NATO on the Ukrainian and Russian borders. 140 billion dollars have already been allocated by the United States and the European Union to the war effort, mainly to overarm Ukraine.

Politicians and the media are openly talking about the risk of a possible 3rd world war and the use of nuclear weapons.

Workers are not deluded: The growing intervention of the imperialist powers in Ukraine is aimed at extending the domination of the multinational corporations — especially the U.S. multinationals — over the whole world. President Biden has warned that beyond Russia, China will be the target.

Every minute, governments spend \$4 million on war. Yes: \$4 million a minute, over \$2.1 trillion a year, on war! Meanwhile, hunger in the world affects 800 million people and food insecurity affects 2.3 billion people — figures that are constantly increasing! Four million dollars per minute for war! And there is a lack of funds to save the tens of millions of children who die every year from diseases that we know and can treat.

Therefore, while we demand the withdrawal of Russian troops, we also demand the withdrawal of U.S. and NATO troops from Europe. We call for the dismantling of NATO, the withdrawal of all foreign occupation troops from all countries of the world, and an end to all imperialist and neo-colonial interventions.

The war in Ukraine cannot be detached from the long chain of wars that have been ravaging all continents for more than half a century, wars that are always fomen-

ted by the capitalist powers and whose map of wars generally overlaps the map of the riches of the subsoil. The workers have no common interest with the multinationals, nor with the capitalists of the different countries, nor with their own governments. Yet it is clear that in the major capitalist countries the leaders of the labour organisations refuse to genuinely oppose the war.

In the United States, they support the warlike ventures of President Biden; in the European Parliament, their elected representatives vote for resolutions that aggravate the sanctions against the Russian people, over-arm the belligerents and strengthen the links with NATO.

Endorsers of the appeal

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We appeal to all workers and youth, to activists of all origins in the labour movement, to labour organisations: Reject any form of "sacred union" / national unity with the warmongering governments and the capitalists whose interests they defend.

The only union that is consistent with the cause of peace and social justice is the union of the workers and peoples of the whole world.

Down with war! Down with exploitation!

Workers of the world, labour organisations, oppressed peoples, let us unite against war and exploitation, to impose peace and preserve the future of humanity.

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Congo. BAKALA Joachim.

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* In a personal capacity.

I publicly endorse the final appeal of thee World Conference against War and Exploitation, for a Workers' International (29-30 October 2022).

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