

Down with war! Down with exploitation!

At the beginning of 2025, the threats of world war are looming.

The genocide of the Palestinian people, three years of bloodshed in Ukraine, the massacres in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the preparations for war against China, and so on, seem to be separate conflicts, but in reality they are facets of a single, ever-widening war.

This march towards war is the consequence of the survival of a historically condemned system: the capitalist system. Because it is indeed an imperialist war, a war for the plundering of wealth and the control of zones of influence, as shown by Trump's negotiations with Putin for the dividing up of the spoils of Ukraine.

In 2023, an incredible US\$2.443 trillion was poured into military budgets (40% of which was for the United States alone). With the sharp increase in military spending, this record will be largely broken in 2025, while one in ten human beings on our planet currently survives on less than two dollars a day, and billions of men and women, including in developed countries, are sinking into poverty.

War, with its massacres, famines and epidemics, and the environmental destruction it causes, could deal a potentially fatal blow to human civilisation. Everywhere, it favours the establishment of ever more authoritarian regimes, militarising youth, demanding that labour organisations - particularly trade unions - renounce their independence in the name of "national unity" and the "war effort".

We, gathered in France on 21 and 22 March 2025, in an emergency international **meeting against global imperialist war, which has been organised in 53 countries**, reject this descent into barbarism, the only justification for which is the maintenance of imperialist domination.

The peoples and workers of the world are against war. They know that it means an aggravation of exploitation and of the policy of the capitalist governments which, under the aegis of the IMF and the European Union, plunder and privatise public services, destroy factories, desertify the rural areas and ransack culture. Working women stand against war. They refuse that human beings be used as canon fodder.

We reject chauvinism, racism, anti-immigrant attacks and all forms of discrimination that have only one goal: to divide the workers and prevent them from acting together against the exploiters!

We call for the withdrawal of all occupying forces, from Ukraine to Palestine and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We call for the the right of all peoples, and the peoples alone, to determine their own destiny!

We affirm the need to confiscate and redirect military budgets for basic necessities: healthcare, housing, employment, education and culture.

We oppose the preparations for war against China, which are motivated solely by Wall Street interests, without this meaning the slightest political support for the Chinese government.

We demand the independence of the labour movement - in times of peace as in times of war - and refuse to give the slightest support to war-mongering governments in the name of the workers.

We condemn any vote by MPs who claim to speak on behalf of the workers to promote war credits or the sending of troops, whether under the aegis of the United Nations, NATO, the UN or any other institution.

By forming the International **Committee Against War and Exploitation**, we affirm that it is in the interest of the peoples and the working class of all countries to reject war. In calling on you to join us, we express our confidence in the ability of the workers to free themselves from the chains of exploitation and oppression, to build a world where harmonious collaboration between all will replace the barbarism that is growing every day.

Governments, fear the revolt of the people! Down with war!

We resolve - using the appropriate forms in each country - to make our appeal widely known to the workers and young people of the entire world on the occasion of 1st May 2025.

First endorsers of the appeal :

Afghanistan. Hanif Maher, Left Radical of Afghanistan (LRA).

Algeria. Organising Committee of Internationalist Socialists ; Ramdane Boukerb, political activist.

Australia. Juan González, organiser of, Workers International Discussion.

Azania/South Africa Ashraf Jooma, Anti-War Coordinating Committee (SADC region).

Bangladesh. Mushrefa Mishu, Democratic Revolutionary Party; Amlan Dewanjee, journalist ; Badrudduha Chowdhury, Secretary of the Fourth International section

Belgium. Anne Vanesse, coordinator of the circle of the friends of Rosa Luxemburg ; Serge Monsieur, President of the CGSP –Vivaqua ; Olga M., activist; Andrea Serrano Ceppi, working woman (Belgium and Argentina); Roberto Giarocco, bulletin *Unité-Eenheid* ; Internationalist Socialist Organisation (OCRFI Belgian section)

Benin. Innocent Assogba, Benin correspondent of the International Workers' Committee.

Brazil. Anisio Garcez Hocem, Editor, working-class activist

Burkina Faso. Adama Coulibaly, president of the Pan-african patriotic Alternative APP/Burkina ; Didier Ouedraogo, activist for human and peoples' rights (MBDHP).

Burundi. Richard Hatungimana, President of the Party of Workers and Democracy (PTD).

Canada. Paul Nkunzimana, Committee against war and exploitation

Chine. Chan Ka Wai, Executive chair of Labour Action China.

Democratic Republic of Congo. Sambo M. Frédéric, coordinator of the Committee for the Independent Democratic Party of Workers and Peasants (North Kivu province).

Egypt. Haby El Masri

France. Workers Party

Germany. Peter Hintermeier, president of the DGB trades council ; Andreas Gangl, activist Die Linke ; Claudius Naumann, Ver.di shop steward, member of ISG, OCRFI section ; H.-W. Schuster, member of ISG, OCRFI section.

Great Britain. Audrey White, pers cap Merseyside Pensioners Association , Unite Liverpool.

Haïti. Berthony Dupont, *Haïti Liberté*.

Hungary. Judith Somi, activist of the Fourth International

Iceland. Markus Candi, Young socialists of Iceland (YSI) ; Arnar Mar Þorlóson, YSI ; Sigurðrós Eggertsdóttir,

YSI ; Siggurdur Erlends Gudbjargarson, YSI ; Karl Hedinn Kristjánsson, YSI; Marzuk Jugi Lamsiah Svanlaugar, YSI

India. Subhas Naik Jorge, *Spark* Group.

Italy. Lillo Fasciana, CGIL trade unionist; Cristoforo Infuso, militant of Casa 22 ; Marco Meotto, « *Scuola per la pace* » association; Isabella Aiosa; Lorenzo Varaldo, coordinator of *Tribuna Libera*; Elisabetta Raineri, shop steward; Dario Granaglia, worker FIOM- CGIL shop steward.

Lebanon. Khaled Hadadah.

Morocco Lamine Y., working-class activist; Ali Ben Hadou trade unionist; Khalid Moussaoui, working-class activist

Mexico. Muriel Ernesto Gomez Alvarado, trade unionist section 40 SNTE – CNTE.

Netherlands Nabil, working class activist.

Palestine. Naji El Khatib, coordinator of One Democratic State Initiative (ODSI).

Pakistan. Rubina Jamil, General secretary, APTUF ; Yasir Gulzar, secretary of international affairs, APTUF.

Philippines. Randy Miranda, Partido Manggagawa.

Portugal. Adiano Zilhão, Platform for a Workers' Party ; José Julio Henriques.

Romania. Constantin Cretan, National federation of labour (FNM) ; Vasile Stefanescu, FNM; Vasile Gură, FNM ; Ionut Mihaia Toarta, FNM; Nicolae Mitidori, FNM; Constantin Dorin Crestan, FNM.

Russia. International Front (organisation) ; Aleksandr Voronkov.

Spanish State. Remedios Martín Rodríguez, Committee for Unity against war and exploitation; Carmen Burgos Sanchez, anarcho-syndicalist, Committee for Unity against war and exploitation

Sri Lanka. Saman Mudunkotuwage.

Switzerland. Michel Zimmermann, executive member of *Tribune ouvrière* ; Dogan Fennibay, *Tribune ouvrière*.

Syria. Haji Moussa Bassam ; Mohamed Al Jirf.

Togo. Messan Lawson, secrétaire national du PADET/L'émancipation.

Turkey. Sadi Ozansu ; Mehmet Ozgen.

Ukraine. Viktor Sydorchenko.

United States. Ujima Peoples Progress Party (Maryland), R. M. Solano, Socialist Organizer ; Mya Shone, Socialist Organizer ; E. J. Esperanza, Socialist Organizer ; Sara Wasdahl.

Zimbabwe. Mafa Kwanisai Mafa, spokesman of Chimurenga Vanguard and Anti-War Coordinating Committee (SADC region).

I would like to publicly associate myself with this appeal

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