

## Minutes:3th International Coordination Committee (ICC) Meeting

**Date:** 13.02.2009,

**Location:** Strasbourg

**Minute-taker:** Lucas Wirl

### • Legal Team:

- We have a team of six lawyers that will assist the whole NATO weekend.
- Visa Problems:
  - Representatives of the German Parliament Wolfgang Gerke and Paul Schaefer, will invite all international guests officially via a letter of invitation. Their email addresses will be provided for this weekend and all international guests may request a formal invitation. Thus all Visa problems should be resolved.

- *Signatures of Nato countries are missing: Romania and Ukraine*

### • Four Working Groups

- Working Group "Camp":
  - Julia will find somebody responsible
- Working Group "Demonstration":
  - Monty, Frederic are responsible for the coordination of this group.
- Civil Disobedience
  - Hans is responsible for the coordination of this group.
- National Congress:
  - Hannelore is responsible for the coordination of this group.
- It is agreed that no extra working group (Baden Baden) is needed

- *Kate Hudson is not available, Chris Webb will replace her.*

- *Time delay: the working group session on Saturday needs to be shortened. The working groups shall be done at 12:30 pm.*

### • Opening Statement:

- The decision on whether or not the conference statement should include references to the connection of "Capitalistic Crisis" and "War", US President Obama, and Gaza will be postponed until Saturday.
- Statement describing connection of "Capitalistic Crisis" and "War". It shall be presented at the press conference on Sunday.

### • Sunday Press Conference:

- Who should attend the conference? Reiner proposed six people: one representative of each working group, one of the local organization and Reiner. The matter will be further discussed on Saturday. Different proposals have been made. Statement should include police measurements that hinder demonstrators.

### Camp:

- Strasbourg: The camp is located in Neuhof and is set out for 6000 people but holds up to 12000. The camp site can be visited on Saturday at 9:30 am. The "Camp" working group needs more tents, further funding.
- Germany (Kehl, Baden Baden): Baden Baden has a info point set up. The camp location in Kehl is out of town.
- One report of all three locations shall be presented on Saturday. After this weekend a written template/leaflet shall be composed for distribution and information.

### Demonstration:

- we deal with restrictions of political and civil liberties politically
- insist on the right to demonstrate in center of Strasbourg
- we need to utilize the media and not bend in for our right of demonstration
- Route: Authorities do not allow demonstrations in Strasbourg.
- Reiner informs about judicial possibilities
- For the weekend a discussion needs to be held on how we can organize a campaign to get the right to demonstrate in the city of Strasbourg. The start of the campaign is the press conference on Sunday.

### Civil Disobedience:

- Will be further discussed in the working group.

### Conference:

- A written announcement about the locality of the conference will be given this weekend.
- It is decided that the conference will be held on Friday and Sunday. Several working groups will be offered. Proposals for speaker will be presented tomorrow.

### Baden Baden

- Proposal: mass blockades, technical blockades, legal demonstration, legal info point
- Baden Baden group asks ICC to support actions in Baden Baden as much as the actions in Strasbourg.

### Outreach / Mobilization

- The broader public needs to be addressed and a discussion at the base of society initialized. Further discussions on the realization of a broad mobilization shall follow this weekend.
- points of mobilization: Afghanistan, Gaza, in Germany: involve the immigrant communities in the peace movement
- Nato is an organization to support/ secure democracy and eliminates democracy around its meeting
- EU elections: June 9<sup>th</sup>. What kind of Europe do we want? What kind of Europe will we have if

France joins Nato? European security strategy aligned with US security strategy.

- 8-10 days ahead of the Nato weekend an event in Strasbourg and Baden Baden is suggested. This event shall kick off the final days of preparation. Further discussions shall follow about this mobilization this weekend.

#### **Finances:**

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- more donations are needed
- 15-20 guest speakers can be invited

#### **Private accommodation:**

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- For accommodation in April contact Lysianne Rolet.
- A room / info point with telephone and Internet connection for the ICC is needed during the protests in April for all three locations. We need to set up infrastructure.
- Within the next two weeks an organizational meeting needs to be set up to discuss details of the planning of the events.

The next meeting is proposed for the ICC will be held along with a public meeting in Strasbourg on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March from 13 to 18 o'clock, the public meeting will follow afterwards. An open meeting of the ICC will be held on Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of April.

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