

## Minutes of ICC meetings in Istanbul

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**01/07/2010 at Taksim Square Hotel, 02/07/2010 at Macka Campus (outside)**

Present: Andreas Speck (WRI, minutes), Ludo (Vrede) - only 01/07, Hannelore (Germany, DFG-VK), Reiner (INES, Ialana), Arielle (Mouvement pour la Paix) - only 01/07, Hans, An (Vredesactie/Bombspotting) – only 01/07, Gerard (France) - only 01/07, Rasheed (Russia), Ricardo (PAGAN, Portugal), Tobias (IMI, Germany) - only 01/07, Ucha (WRI Georgian section)

Note: these minutes are mainly minutes of decisions. Reports are not complete.

### REPORTS:

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Reiner reports that the website of the ICC has been revamped. Check out <http://no-to-nato.org>

He also report that the ICC played an important role during the alternative meetings in parallel to the NPT Review Conference in New York. It organised three events on NATO and nuclear weapons at the counter-summit.

Arielle reports that the French national coalition will focus on information on NATO and Afghanistan, and is preparing a leaflet of 8 October.

Ludo reports that Vrede is preparing a demonstration against the European Union Defence Minister Meeting in Ghent, Belgium on 23/24 September 2010.

### PLATFORM PAPER

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There was a detailed discussion on the platform paper. The decisions are as follows:

1. Delete the sentence in the fifth paragraph: "While the network ..." until "... and independence struggles)," and start the sentence with "The network is committed ..."
2. Replace the sentence in the sixth/last paragraph "Instead, we need ..." until "... sovereignty of nations". with: "We reject all attacks on international law and the sidelining of the United Nations."

With these changes, the platform paper was agreed (final version attached).

### AFGHANISTAN

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There were some reports.

### Decisions:

- please distribute the call for the days of action on 7-9 October 2010
- on the website a webform to submit activities to the website should be added.
- the call is to be translated into other languages
- the call should be brought to the anti-war assembly of the ESF on Saturday, 3 July 2010

## PORTUGAL

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Reiner presents 3 documents from the meeting in Portugal the weekend before the ESF:

- a flyer jointly with PAGAN on the week of actions in November
- an outline of activities during the week of actions
- a draft programme of the counter-summit.

There was then a question on co-operation with the Portuguese Peace Council. The situation is that a co-operation is impossible, but they are organising the demonstration on 20 November, and there was an agreement that the demonstration will be open, and that there will be an international block, and two international speakers.

Ricardo reports on PAGAN:

PAGAN is a coalition of several groups, including the Left Block, and started about a year ago. There are groups of PAGAN in Lisbon and Porto. He also reports more on recent activities of PAGAN.

Counter-summit/conference

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There were some comments on the draft programme of the counter-summit, especially regarding elements missing in the programme:

- EU & NATO
- Feminist perspective
- Nonviolent resistance
- NVDA perspective
- Eastern Europe and NATO enlargement
- Missile shield
- social issues, environment issues
- NATO & energy security

Some of the items in the second block should also be more concrete.

The working group for the counter-summit includes:

- Vitor, Ricardo, Hannelore, Reiner, Arielle

A first programme is to be presented in September.

Activist Conference:

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An Activist Conference will take place on 16/17 October in Lisbon

The Activist Conference is co-organised between a Portuguese Cultural Organisation and the ICC.

There will be two ICC speakers in the first part of the conference:

- Arielle in Iraq
- Reiner on Afghanistan

There are some ideas about using our presence in Portugal for publicity/outreach.

- Reiner is willing to do a public meeting in Porto on Thursday before the Activist Conference
- a press conference on Friday at 12pm
- a public event on Friday evening at a place where lots of leftist/activist young people normally hang out
- possibly a public show training on Sunday after the conference (to be discussed by the NVDA network at their meeting in Spain at the end of July).

The next ICC meeting is in Lisbon on 15 October from 2-7pm.

## CAUCASUS CONFERENCE

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Ucha is representing WRI Georgian section, which is the main organiser of the conference in Georgia. He also works with a human rights organisation. He is active in the Georgian peace movement for more than 10 years.

Hannelore reports that after the war between Georgia and Russia two years ago the idea of the conference came up. It was originally planned for this year, but had to be postponed for lack of funding. Now, some funding has been secured. The conference is planned for June 2011.

Ucha gives some information on the situation in Georgia after the war (not minuted). There was also a seminar during the ESF on the conflict in the Caucasus.

Hannelore, Christine, and Reiner will visit Tbilisi in mid-July, to meet with Ucha and other local organisations, and to work on the draft programme.

Next steps:

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International organisations have to be approached to be co-organisers of the conference:

- IPB, INES, IALANA, WRI

Email-list on Georgian conference:

- Arielle, Hannelore, Rasheed, Ucha, Temur, Reiner, Tobias

A first programme of the conference should be finalised by the time of the NATO summit in Lisbon.

Conference website:

- Responsible: Rasheed & Temur

- draft of concept and budget by September 2010

- basic website, tri-lingual (English, Georgian, Russian), with only information on the conference.