First Press Briefing of the International Peace Movement

At the next NATO summit meeting in Lisbon from November 19th to 21st 2010, the new NATO strategy will be adopted.

Parallel the international peace movement says “No to War – No to NATO”.

The International Coordinating Committee “No to War – No to NATO” (www.no-to-nato.org), which worked together in the preparations of the protests in Strasbourg, comprised of members from 11 states, representing a network with more than 650 member organizations calls for protests against NATO in Lisbon from November 19th to 21st.

In the tradition of Strasbourg the following actions are being prepared:

- an international Counter Summit (Nov. 19th-21st): speakers from 15 countries will be discussing on achieving global peace, disarmament, and the end of NATO
- an international demonstration (Nov. 20th): people from all over the world will fill the streets and participate in this non-violent demonstration
- Civil Disobedience by international and Portuguese groups: several groups of CD will non-violently oppose to the NATO Summit
- an international meeting point – the “Square of Peace” - in the heart of the city of Lisbon will give activists and organizations room for creative and colorful actions
- a public discussion between Parliamentarians and peace activists (Nov 20th) in the city center of Lisbon
- an internet live stream of all the events will give people at home the chance to follow up on our events and to participate in the actions

All our actions will be non-violent!
We call on the police and the authorities to renounce the use of violence against our protests. The experiences of Strasbourg and Heiligendamm have revealed the brutality and ruthlessness of alleged “security forces”. The actions of the ICC are non-violent actions only.

First hand information will be communicated by the international peace movement:

- Press conference on
  - Thursday, November 18th, 11:00,
    Location: Ateneu Libertário de Lisboa, R. do Salitre, 139-1º
- Press Briefings with chat will be hold via the internet live stream on www.no-to-nato.org
  - Thursday, November 18th, 14-14:30
  - Friday, November 19th, 10-10:30
  - Saturday, November 20th, 11-11:30
  - Saturday, November 20th, 18-18:30

Why we face NATO:
- NATO's nuclear weapons threaten the survival of this planet. We demand a nuclear weapons
free world.

• NATO's missile defense shield encourages to a nuclear first strike. We demand a nuclear weapons convention.

• The relations of NATO and EU will establish two military alliances in Europe. We demand a Europe that engages only in civil conflict resolution.

• NATO spends billions on death and destruction. We demand to spend this money on social means.

• NATO brings terror and suffrage to the people of Afghanistan. We demand the withdrawal of all foreign troops out of Afghanistan.

Please find further information enclosed or visit: [www.no-to-nato.org](http://www.no-to-nato.org)
Please also check the attachment with program and internet program.

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