



## ICC Declaration on 10 years war in Afghanistan

For ten years war is being waged in Afghanistan – ten years of death and destruction, agony and anguish, pain and sorrow for a people, a society, a country. The honest and true analysis of this war – and indeed of war itself – can only be that war must not be a means for politics. War and politics of war belongs on history's garbage dump.

For the past ten years the global community could witness in Afghanistan how the monster war makes policy makers, human beings, and indeed the very nature humans organize their interactions of life deceitful and ruthless.

Morally bankrupt views of this world covered an interest-led invasion of a sovereign country. A corrupt regime gets installed by and at the mercy of the freedom- and democracy-loving invaders. Human beings have been slaughtering each other. Modern technology – supposedly advancing society to serve the greater good – is being used to kill and murder more effectively. This is the perversion of war and the people waging it.

The war in Afghanistan was being started and continues to be led by mere political interests of the invading countries: the military and thus political control over countries, societies, economies and human beings. Even though they know they cannot win the war, they continue to pursue their selfish aims violently.

Yet there is hope for peace. But it does not get achieved by troop-reductions, the handover of responsibilities to tolerated authorities, the imposing of ideas, morals, and systems. Peace must start with an immediate and entire ceasefire.

Only in peace life can blossom and societies can develop and progress. The future of the Afghans' country must be negotiated among all Afghans without interference from the outside. Otherwise peace is not sustainable but fragile.

For the anguished Afghanistan peace is a vision and will remain a dream for a long time.

Nevertheless, steps towards peace must and can be done now.

The most urgent one is ceasefire. It creates time and room for negotiations and talks on a solution for the complicated mesh of interests in and around Afghanistan. Only peace gives the forces of democracy, freedom and emancipation the possibility to free the country and lead it towards the road of justice and self-determination.

Basic requirement for a process of peace is the ending of foreign interventions. The withdrawal of all foreign troops therefore is requirement and part of a process of peace.

A process of peace in Afghanistan means the stop of war-faring – now and not in 2014 – and means concrete actions: the stop of deployment of bombs and drones and of deliberate destruction and killings.

Therefore we demonstrate ten years after the beginning of war. It is not sufficient to discuss peace in the future. This is the everlasting double-standard of the militarists: they talk about peace and wage war.

We demand peace for Afghanistan NOW starting with ceasefire and the withdrawal of all foreign troops.

ICC No to War – No to NATO

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